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## Spirit Week, Warrior Fest to kick off school year

By KIRSTEN PETERS  
Sports Editor

With the 2016-2017 school year underway, Spirit Week, the Spirit Games, Warrior Festival and Homecoming are just around the corner.

Spirit Week will be Oct. 3 to Oct. 7. The theme for each day is as follows: aMerica Monday, Tacky Tourist Tuesday, Rock vs. Pop Wednesday, Tie Dye Thursday and Color War Friday.

Most of the themes are self-explanatory, except for Wednesday's and Friday's. For Wednesday, students are to choose a side, either rock or pop music. From there, students can decide whether or not they want to dress up as an individual musician, in a band/group with other friends or just in attire that would resemble either the rock or pop categories. For Friday, each grade has been designated a primary color to wear. Seniors are to wear black, juniors are to wear red, sophomores are to wear white and freshmen are to wear gray.

In addition to the color war on Friday, a second battle of the grades, the Spirit Games, will be during sixth and seventh period. Freshmen and sophomores will compete in the freshman gym (old 11/12 gym), whereas juniors and seniors will be in the high school gym (new gym).

The Spirit Games are to resemble the Olympic Games, but in a cornier format that will make for a fun competition between the grades. The games include: Gear Up, The Olympic Hula Rings, Volley Balloons, Torch Relay, Chariot Races, Dizzy Badminton, Don't Let it Forest Dump, Human Knot, Back-to-Back Stand Up,

Tumbling, Tug of War and a Lip Sync Battle.

Students from all grades will have the opportunity to sign up for any event, with a maximum of two events. Freshmen and sophomores will compete in one gym against each other, while the juniors and seniors will be doing that same event in the other gym. Then the winner of the freshman/sophomore competition will face the winner of the junior/senior competition to crown one grade as the overall winner of that event. There will be a scoreboard to keep track of when each grade wins an event.

On Oct. 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the DV Warrior Football Program, in cooperation with DV Foundation, will be hosting the 10th Annual Warrior Festival and Car Show to continue the week of school spirit.

There will be booths at Warrior Fest, including those for school clubs, local vendors, children's games and entertainment.

The football game will kick off at 4:00 p.m. against Williamsport Senior High School, with Homecoming king and queen being announced during halftime.

The Homecoming Dance will be from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. following the football game.

From dressing up for Spirit Week, competing in the Spirit Games, participating in Warrior Fest, supporting the football team at the game or attending the Homecoming Dance, there are multiple opportunities for

### SPIRIT WEEK

Oct. 3 - Oct. 7

## AMERICA MONDAY

Tacky Tourist Tuesday

## Rock vs Pop Wednesday

Tie Dye Thursday

## Color War Friday

## FBLA places at Nationals

*Cuevas, Gosch place fifth in nation.*

By VANESSA PAOLELLA  
World News Editor

This summer, a record 19 students from DV's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter attended the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Atlanta, Ga. The business ethics team, comprising of seniors Gabriella Cuevas and Anthony Gosch, placed fifth.

The competition spanned from June 29 to July 2 where over 9,380 students in full business attire took tests, gave presentations and attended workshops taught by professionals. DV FBLA had the highest number of students attend the NLC in Pennsylvania.

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## Day of Caring participants help better community

By SHAINA KLEIN  
News Editor

On Sept. 10, nearly 200 students ventured out into the sweltering heat to take part in the 16th annual United Way Day of Caring. Volunteers 14 years of age and older were divided into groups to give back to different nonprofit locations within Pike County and do work

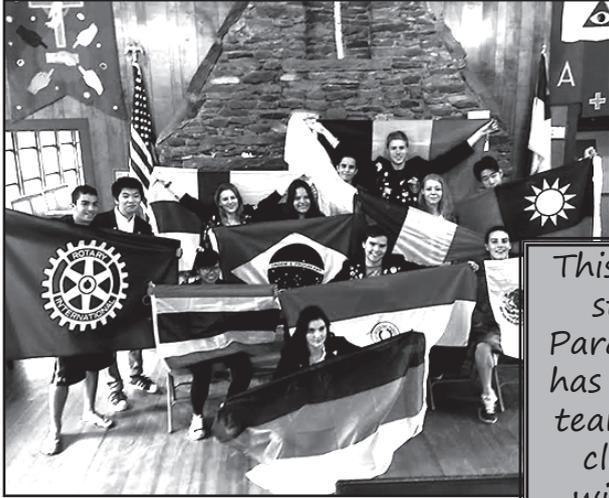


ranging from clearing rocks from a horse pasture at Camp Spears to sorting and clearing out years' worth of paperwork at the Chamber of Commerce.

The day began when students arrived at the 9/10 cafeteria at around 7:45 a.m. to receive their work assignments, complementary T-shirt and breakfast made by students from the Warrior Café.

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# ?? FEATURE NEWS ??



## MATIAS ALFONSO



*This year, DV has the opportunity to host one exchange student, Matias Alfonso. He moved to Milford from Paraguay. Leaving his family behind was difficult, but he has big plans for the year. Matias plans to join the swim team and the track and field team, and hopefully some clubs too. When walking the halls, look out for a boy with curly hair and a contagious smile and be sure to get to know him.*

*-Nicole Dardia*

ND: Nicole Dardia (Interviewer)  
MA: Matias Alfonso (Interviewee)

ND: What made you join the Rotary Exchange program?

MA: I think because of the experience. I really wanted to learn about the American people. And sometimes I think people have to break their routine of their normal life and start to live a new life and experience.

ND: Why did you want to come to the United States?

MA: The principle reason was the language. I really wanted to learn English because in my country it will be so important in my professional life. And second, it has been my dream since I was eight years old. I've always wanted to go to New York City and California so maybe that can happen this year.

ND: What is different about the United States than your home?

MA: I can tell you, there are a lot of differences. One of the most different things is school. For me, it is so weird to stay in school until 3 p.m. In my country, I get out of school around 12 p.m. Another thing is the food. I like the food here, but it is not like the food at home. Also, in my country the most important meal is lunch. You have lunch with all your family. Here, the dinner is the most important [meal].

ND: What is something about being in the U.S. that is uncomfortable or hard for you?

MA: I sometimes have problems with the language.

I get so frustrated when people are talking to me and I have a hard time understanding. For the moment, the language is the most difficult part about being here. But people tell me my English is pretty good, and that is good for me. It is so nice to hear someone say I speak English well.

ND: Tell me about your twin brother.

MA: He is in the same program as me, the Rotary Exchange. He lives in Milford, New York. It is only one to one and a half hours from here.

When I started the process of being an exchange student, me and my brother said, "okay, we are going to be far from each other for one year, it will be very sad." But today, we only have an hour and a half distance between us and that is great because he is my twin brother after all, and I will have the ability to go visit him. That is incredible and makes me very happy.

ND: Are you thinking about joining any extracurriculars at DV?

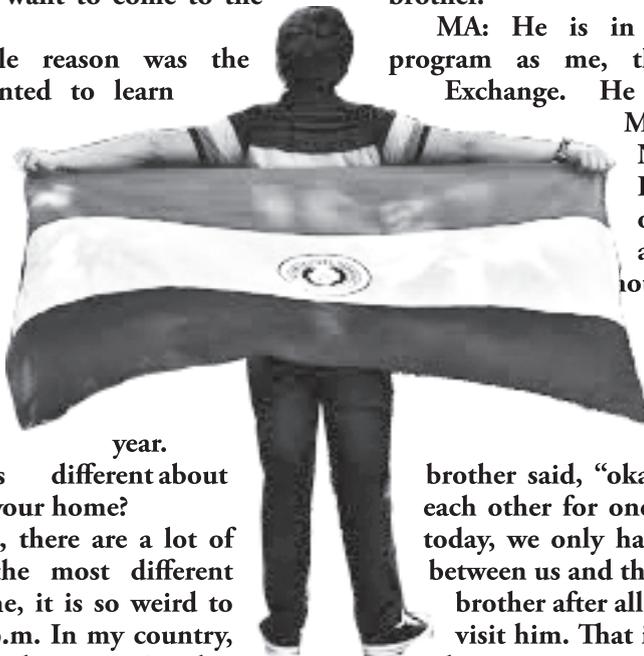
MA: Maybe I can be part of the Foreign Culture Club. I also want to be part of the swimming team and the track and field team. That will be fun, because I did not come here to be a professional swimmer or runner. I came to have a good experience and a good time.

ND: What is a part of your culture that you want to share with the people you meet here?

MA: I really want to share the typical foods that we eat in my country. To me, Paraguayan food is one of the most delicious things someone can eat. Another thing would be the music. Most of the songs have guitars and harps and it is so relaxing.

ND: What kind of impression would you like to leave here?

MA: That is a really hard question. I don't want to be remembered as another exchange student or the Paraguayan kid who went to our school. I want to be remembered as a teenager who decided to live an incredible experience because not all teenagers decide to do something so big with their lives. Why would I stay in one part of the world when I have the possibility to explore it? I want people to remember me as someone who took the best opportunity of his life.



### Favorites

Color: Blue

Song: The Scientist  
- Coldplay

Class: Algebra 2 and  
Trig or General Art  
Food: Pasta

# School News

## Cuevas, Jaegar, Kelly return from year abroad

BY LINDSEY TOOMER  
Editor in Chief

After spending a year abroad in a brand new country with a brand new culture and language, Julia Cuevas, Faith Jaegar and Meghan Kelly have returned to Delaware Valley for their senior year.

### Julia Cuevas: Argentina

Julia spent her year in a town in northern Argentina called Formosa, traveling often throughout South America.

The best part of her trip was learning a new language, immersing herself in a new culture and meeting new people from all over the world.



**Julia proudly holds the American flag at a lake in Patagonia.**

*Contributed photos*

Julia told a story of a month-long trip she and 50 of her fellow exchange students took to Patagonia, the southernmost part of the world.

"We had this three hour hike we went on, hiking up a beautiful forest, uphill and downhill, and out of nowhere we see this gigantic bright green emerald lake in the middle of nothing," Julia said. This lake, in the town of Ushuaia,

could only be reached by hiking on foot for about three hours.

### Faith Jaegar: France

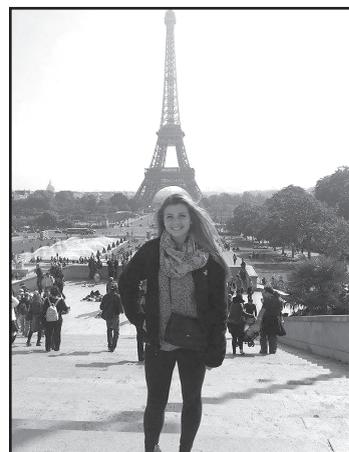
About 6,418 miles away from Julia was Faith, residing in the town of Troyes, France. She also traveled to Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, England and the Czech Republic during her exchange.

Faith says her going away party before she left France was very special for her. She also gave a five-minute speech in French to about 300 Rotarians with little time to prepare and remembers the praise she was given for her speech.

"Throughout the year it's not a big moment, it's a million small moments," Faith said.

### Meghan Kelly: Norway

About 1,067 miles north of Faith was Meghan in Hønefoss, Norway. She traveled through all of Norway and to European countries such as Germany, Spain and Denmark.



**Faith poses with the Eiffel Tower in Paris.**

Her favorite memory from Norway was when she went cross country skiing with her host uncle.

"I was cross country skiing up a 4,000 foot mountain, gaining at least 1,000 feet of elevation. I got to the top and saw a panoramic view of mountains and snow and ice. I cried at the top; it was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in my life."

Returning to DV after a year away has been a unique experience for all three girls. Julia says she feels completely normal, except everyone is much more mature than when she left. Faith says it's very hard because people expect her to be exactly the same as she was before she left.

"I loved myself more while I was abroad; people expect me to be the same person I was but it's hard trying to fit back into a role that is completely different," she said. Meghan says she is very happy to be back at DV expanding her education.

All three girls went to the AP World classes and other advanced tenth grade classes to share videos and presentations from their trips. The Rotary is now accepting applications for anyone interested in exchange.



**Meghan gives a speech to Rotary about her year abroad.**

## Walter travels to Germany to experience life abroad

BY BRY ROSE  
Circulation Co-Manager

Junior Maddy Walter set off for Germany in August to spend the year experiencing and exploring Germany and all it has to offer to a young American foreign exchange student. While making memories and spending a year in what may as well be a completely new world.

Every year Delaware Valley gives a junior the opportunity to travel abroad to a foreign country to experience the culture and lifestyle of that country. Walter was chosen as this year's exchange student by the Rotary International Program, and has now spent a month in the city of Giessen, Germany with her host family and new friends.

"Everyone's really friendly here and made me feel welcome since day one," Walter said. "I find making friends and

talking with others a lot easier. Being on exchange forces you to be more independent and outgoing."

While the transition went smoothly for Walter, minus some jet lag due to the six hour time difference, she says the language barrier has been the toughest part of her journey.



**Maddy and her fellow exchange students proudly display their flags.**

*Contributed photos*



**Maddy enjoys time with her fellow exchange students.**

"Classes are still a struggle for this reason, but the teachers and other students help me as best as they can and are very patient with me," Walter said.

Walter described her school life as being more like college with her classes never being the same two days in a row. In addition, instead of her taking the school bus, she needs to take the public city bus.

Walter noted the two-week long language camp she attended at the beginning of her trip as her favorite experience in Germany so far.

"It's something like magic when you put 24 kids from all over the world with different backgrounds, who speak different languages, and are in a foreign country all by themselves," Walter said. "What at first might seem like total chaos, turned into

something beautiful."

Walter also misses "American peanut butter" which she calls a rarity there, and is excitedly anticipating the three-week trip across Europe that will broaden her travel dreams and passport stamps.



# Opinions



## Leadership requires altruism

I believe that leadership stems from the desire to serve. Selflessness is what makes the best of people; those who are willing to put others in front of themselves in order to make what they do, what they are a part of, and what they believe in, grow to its full potential. Leadership is not just the works of one individual, but the composition of everybody else who completes the team. Each team needs direction and motivation from its coaches, but they need that same dedication and compassion reflected by their players to get the job done.

Leadership requires an individual – through thick and thin – to take responsibility for the group's work. He or she must take action to facilitate progress, provide comfort to ease pain and inspire hope to gain productivity. People have to realize that it's not all about you; you cannot risk your selfish desires to sacrifice the goals of the team. When your weakest link in the chain is your leader, that chain will quickly begin to rust.

With leadership, you get out what you put in. If you lack the guts to take charge of the situation, it is not the position for you. For those who lead, you must take into consideration the dreams of those you serve and make them a reality. You have to ignore the pain, the tiredness, the frustration because the moment you slip, you break the contract of the people who elected you. You cannot afford to risk your wants for your team's vitality. Those whose minds do not break before their bodies are those who lead their team to success, whether it be on the field, in the classroom, or in the workplace. And to me, they are the true leaders.

**SHANE FAGAN**  
*Class of 2018*

**BE HAPPY.  
BE BRIGHT.  
BE YOU.**

## An introduction to the Del.Aware

It is my honor to welcome back Delaware Valley to another school year as Editor in Chief for the tenth anniversary of the Del.Aware. The staff and I are looking forward to bringing you a year filled with news from our school, community, world and more.

After 10 years, we have made some slight changes to the design of our paper. Our front page is re-organized to have one main article and two jumps. We also added an index and the sports section has a new header. Thanks to our News Editor Shaina Klein, we have added an emblem to honor the tenth anniversary.

A new year means we have a new staff, including seven returning seniors, four first year seniors and 14 juniors. Check out page 9 to meet everybody! So far I have a great feeling about our staff this year, as we worked so well together through the first issue and I am hoping this continues throughout the year! We will work together to write articles, take pictures and put it all onto the pages you're looking at now.

This year we have the amazing opportunity to share news through a new medium other than the paper with a website called Fusfoo. We are one of very few schools in the country to use this website where people can access our news from anywhere. We will be updating our Fusfoo channel with videos, pictures, articles and more each month. If you want to hear more about it, read Matt Cavallaro's article about it on page 8.

Be sure to grab your own copy of the *Del.Aware* every month in your homeroom, the cafeterias, the offices or in Mrs. Lordi's room D4. I am so excited for what we have to offer this school year, and I hope you are too.

**LINDSEY TOOMER**  
*Editor in Chief*

## Why I want opinions

If you follow me on Twitter, you have probably noticed my constant tweets begging for opinions pieces from the student body that I can publish on this page. I would like to explain why I keep asking.

I believe being able to form your own opinion is a crucial part of growing up. If you can express your opinion in a mature, respectful way I think that makes others more inclined to listen to what you have to say.

The pieces you send can be meant to persuade or just simply inform. They can be silly, like an article about how much you love your favorite food. You could even draw a cartoon. There are not many restrictions when it comes to opinions pieces.

All pieces can be sent to [dardia30@gmail.com](mailto:dardia30@gmail.com) or [the.del.aware@gmail.com](mailto:the.del.aware@gmail.com).

**NICOLE DARDIA**  
*Opinions Editor*

## Three months for a ruined life

One day after working on summer work for my classes, I logged onto Facebook and scroll through my Most Recents. As I scroll through, I saw something that caught my eye. "Stanford Swimmer Convicted of Sexual Assault." Right after reading the article, I had to do more research.

So I looked up anything I could find about the case, why it happened, who it happened to, where it happened and how did it happen. I found this lengthy letter. I didn't know who it was from. I eventually found it was from the victim herself. From the first sentence to the last, I was in absolute awe. I was filled with anger but at the same time confusion. Why could a human being do such a thing to another? Why isn't the judge of the case being recalled?

Because of his background, this boy received a six-month jail sentence because the judge thought a longer sentence would be too detrimental to the young swimmer. Not only that, but he was able to cut that sentence half and get three months with good behavior.

Now let me ask you, if you were the victim in this incident and you were unconscious throughout this whole thing and having to find out what happened to you from social media, how violated would you feel? She lost her voice, she lost her humanity, she lost her innocence. I am disgusted. I am infuriated. I am boiled with anger. The only voice she had left was shut down by the only man she thought she could trust.

Instead of spending time in a jail cell, he is now going to bed every night, able to have the title "free man" written all over his forehead.

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# School News



## FBLA: Record number of students attend NLC

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Only the top four from the State Leadership Conference are able to move on to the NLC, unless others are unable to attend. This, in addition to the difficulty found within Pennsylvania FBLA, makes it extremely challenging to qualify for the NLC.

“We restructured the organization. [Members] were more dedicated, they did study sessions... [There] was more of an incentive to get to nationals,” FBLA Adviser Mrs. Maura Angle said. “We were third in the state for community service because people took it all more seriously, and they saw what the end result was



**Gabriella Cuevas and Anthony Gosch pictured with their fifth place award.**

going to be. We hope to carry that [effort] over to this year.”

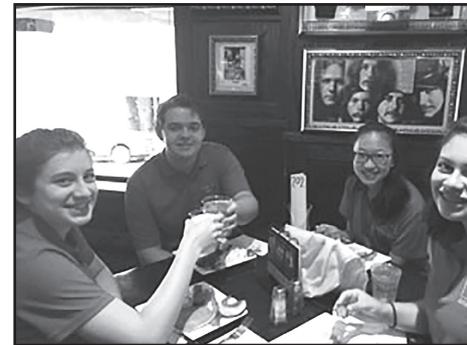
Some events required members to take objective tests; others required members to present their solution or argument to a panel of judges. The Local Annual Chapter Business Report was submitted by the officer team over a month prior to the competition to be reviewed.

In order to qualify for the final round, the Business Ethics team first had to compete in the preliminaries against approximately 100 other teams from all over the nation. 12 teams were selected to compete in the finals, and from there Cuevas

and Gosch succeeded in taking fifth.

“The most rewarding part was after the final performance was when...everybody was just so proud and complementing us, not only from our school, but from other schools,” said Gosch.

Cuevas added by saying, “The fact that we achieved something greater than us for our school and for our community, but also for us, [all of] the hard work that we put in was something that was just the most rewarding thing



**Seniors Paulina Henzel-Kedzior and Anthony Gosch and juniors Cindy Li and Sophia Festa eating breakfast at the Hard Rock Cafe.**

Contributed photos

ever.”

Members and advisers from Pennsylvania FBLA not only competed at the NLC; they also left two days early in order to fully experience Atlanta. Students visited the CNN World Headquarters, Centennial Olympic Park, Coca Cola World, College Football Hall of Fame

and the Georgia Aquarium. They also watched an Atlanta Braves game and ate at a Brazilian Steakhouse.

## Financial Aid Night supports students, parents

By KIRSTEN PETERS  
Sports Editor

With senior students currently in the process of college planning, one of the main areas of concern is the cost of college and how to receive financial aid. To better understand the student aid process, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is offering a Free Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium with a FAFSA workshop following the initial presentation.

At this session, parents and students will learn how to apply for all types of financial aid. This includes understanding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required to determine eligibility for most student aid programs, such as the Pennsylvania State Grant, the Federal Pell Grant, institutional awards and federal student and parent loans.

In addition to learning how to complete a FAFSA form, participants will also be informed about aid programs specific to Pennsylvania. In doing so, PHEAA hopes to provide

a variety of options for students and parents to learn how to best accommodate their own financial needs.

The importance of minimizing student loan debt and searching for free money awards, such as scholarships, to help pay for education costs will also be discussed.

A student aid expert from PHEAA will be at this session to provide further explanation and answer any questions.

“The college process, specifically the financial aid aspect, can be very daunting for many students. The best way to tackle this is by doing things one step at a time,” according to guidance counselor Miss Jessica Robinson. “Understanding the financial aid process is key to making the whole process run more smoothly. Anyone planning for their higher education goals should make it a point to attend this Free Financial Aid Night session.”

Originally, the Free Financial Aid Night was supposed to be on Tuesday, Oct. 11, but the date has changed to Tuesday, Oct. 25.

## Puzzle Fun

Directions: Search through the articles in this issue of the newspaper and find the answers to the questions listed below. The first person to solve this edition’s puzzle and email his or her answer to [the.del.aware@gmail.com](mailto:the.del.aware@gmail.com) will receive a prize.

1) What month did Netflix release “Stranger Things”?

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2) Comic Con is held at which center?

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3) What did students show up to do at the day of caring?

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4) What new gadget did apple recently release?

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5) What clothing item mentioned in the fashion column is coming back?

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Puzzle compiled by Kaiya DeStefano



# School News



## Austria trip approaches

By **KATIE COONEY**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

Eighteen students are catching a flight to Austria during winter break.

They will be flying out of Newark, N.J. on Dec. 26 and coming home on Jan. 2, ringing in the New Year in Innsbruck, Austria.

“One of the greatest things for them [the students] is that they will get to celebrate a holiday in another culture,” said English teacher and trip coordinator Ms. Erica DiMarzio.

Also traveling with the students are physical education teacher Mrs. Bridget Crawford and English teacher Mr. Andy Crawford, along with technology education teacher Mr. Tom Moran.

The travelers will get the opportunity to go to multiple cities including Munich, Germany, Salzburg, Austria and various locations in Italy.

Every day, the students will get the chance to ski, bobsled or cross country ski, as well as partake in the areas’ historic and cultural excursions.

In Salzburg, students will be able to tour *The Sound of Music* set and Mozart’s birthplace. While in Italy, tours of Romeo and Juliet’s home in Verona are available, and the opportunity to travel to Bolzano where “the Ice Man” is displayed is available to the students.

“It’s really exciting because we are really going to get a worldview, and for those who have never traveled before, it’s really exciting to know that they get to see so much more of the world,” said senior Meghan Kelly.

The deadline for the first two payments was Sept. 25, but it is possible for students to sign up if someone cancels because a replacement will be needed.

## DV welcomes new teachers, staff

By **SARAH McDOUGALL**  
*Managing Editor*

The start of this school year brings plenty of new changes, including the introduction of 15 staff members to the high school. DV has welcomed six new teachers, three instructional assistants, a guidance counselor, a nurse and four transfers: Richard Bullock (music), Nathan Kryptavich (music), Kelly Santise (special education) and Aaron Stark (physical education). Here are some of the new faces to look for in the classroom and hallways.

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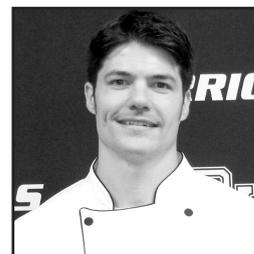
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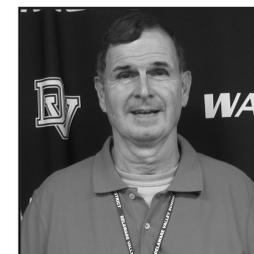
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## New classes make debut for current year

By **NICHOLAS RIVERA**  
*Science & Technology Editor*

Every so often, the curriculum at Delaware Valley High School may change here and there, but it is not nearly as common for new classes to be added. Even rarer than that is the addition of three new classes.

This year, Astronomy, Geology and AP Human Geography were offered to students, with the first two being taught solely by Mr. John Anderson and the latter being taught by both Mr. Tyler Barnett and Mr. Michael Guzenski.

Both Geology and Astronomy have had large student demand, with Mr. Anderson trying especially hard to get them included.

“I eat this stuff up,” said Mr. Anderson on the subject.

After at least 10 years of trying, the classes have been added by the school

district to offer to the students; however Mr. Anderson isn’t finished yet, hoping to include a Meteorology course in the near future.

Currently, Mr. Anderson is focused on Astronomy and Geology, with Astronomy being far more popular than Geology. There are approximately 120 students taking Astronomy, and 20 students taking Geology.

“This year is a trial year,” said Mr. Anderson.

He had to design the curriculum for both classes all on his own, and he has to alter the book’s material so some lower grade level students do not get lost along the way. At the same time, he does not intend for the classes to be a bore for the higher level students, as the classes are both offered to students in grades 10-12.

For the future, Mr. Anderson plans to try to organize field trips to places like the

Hayden Planetarium for what he likes to call “star parties.”

Along with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Guzenski are hard at work with their classes for AP Human Geography.

The class is intended to explain why things are where they are in the world, and why they are. It is a mixture of government and politics, and a previous understanding of geography is important.

As an AP class, it will have a test to go along with it, with the test being similar to the test for AP Government and Politics.

Many students already have a set career path and choices for their life; however, these new classes could change some people’s perspectives.

With as long as some students may have been waiting for the classes, this decision has been strongly supported by the students.



# School News



## CARING: Volunteers give back to non-profit organizations

From Page 1

By 8 a.m., most students were bussed off to various organizations within the community. These organizations included the Pocono Environmental Education center (PEEC), Camp Speers, the Pike County Public Library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Anne Street School and the Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD). Other volunteers stayed at the school to help set up for the Pike County Developmental Center's tricky tray, which was held later that evening.

Originally, volunteers were to be allocated to eight different locations within the community; however, a slight mishap occurred when students arrived at one location and there appeared

to be no personnel or staff on site. The situation was quickly resolved when other locations agreed to take on more volunteers.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., volunteers accomplished a variety of projects including the building of a handicap-accessible labyrinth at GAIT, the clearing out of branches and brush from the woods at PEEC to decrease the chance of forest fires

and the painting of the downstairs of the public library.

According to junior Shane Fagan, students should feel encouraged to participate in the Day of Caring because "it allows [them] to give back to the community while being with friends, so it doesn't really feel like work."

While the majority of volunteers were students, there were also a few teachers who decided to give back on this day as well. One of these teachers was Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti, who volunteered with her cheer team at Camp Speers.

"It was a fun way to get out and bond with the team while doing some good," said Mrs. Marchetti.

Overall, the general consensus was that the day was a success.

"This event is not a fundraiser, nor a campaign; it's simply an event that we put on to help those organizations in need," said president of the United Way of Pike County Mathew Osterberg.



Students help clear rocks out of horse pasture at Camp Speers.

Photos by Shaina Klein



Volunteers tend to plant bed at CDD.

### Inquiring Photographer

"AS NEW STUDENTS, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT DV?"

By COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER



"History Through the Media, it's a great class."

Augusto Marrufo  
Class of 2018



"Everyone's much nicer here."

Caitlyn Zanoline  
Class of 2018



"Marching band, Mr. Bullock is a great teacher."

Dawn Goff  
Class of 2018



"It's peaceful here."

Dominic Thomas  
Class of 2018



"The social studies [classes], I'm taking U.S. History and American Government."

Elliot Smith  
Class of 2018



"My friends."

Michael Grey  
Class of 2017

### Marching Band marches to "Metal"

By SYDNEY COUTURIER  
News Co-Editor

On Sept. 21, the Marching Warriors performed their show entitled "Metal" in the Marching Band Cavalcade held at Dunmore High School.

Twelve other marching bands from 12 different schools in the Scranton area

performed at the event, which can best be described as having a festival format.

Band director, Richard Bullock said after the event, "I am so proud of the marching band for all of their hard work

and dedication. They really put on a fantastic show and represented Delaware Valley professionally. It's hard to believe that we are only in our third season when you watch them perform."

*"They really put on a fantastic show and represented Delaware Valley professionally."*

- Mr. Richard Bullock

D V 's marching band was the highlight of the Cavalcade and performed at an extremely high level, according to Mr. Bullock.

A parent of a band member from North Pocono High School said, "The bands here are wonderful, but Delaware Valley is on a different level," showing DV's hard work did not go unnoticed.

## Safe Haven Color Fest Run/Walk 5K

Saturday, Oct. 1

Registration at 8:30 a.m. / Run at 9:00 a.m.

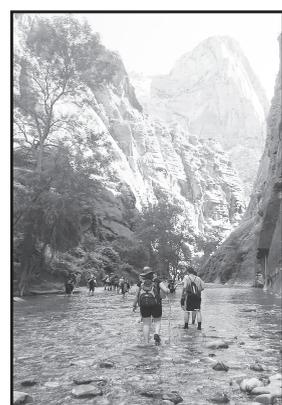
Camp Akenac in Dingmans Ferry

Rain or shine

## Trip to the West Coast changes students' lives

By KAIYA DeSTEFANO  
Staff Writer

On June 22, eight Delaware Valley students left the comfort of their homes in Pennsylvania to climb aboard a flight traveling to new experiences with world history teacher, Mr. Lawrence Marcial and math teacher Mrs. Christine Marcial.



Day two was spent in the Virgin Narrows at Zion National Park. Contributed Photos

Mr. Marcial, alongside Mrs. Marcial, chose students whom they had in class previously and knew would be a perfect fit for the trip.

Juniors Autumn Vallis and Leida Dever decided to travel with this group to be able to check off something on their bucket list going to the Grand Canyon with a group of their friends. Junior Jared Odynsky also wanted to

see nature's creations first hand.

On the first day, the students arrived in Las Vegas, NV, later on heading to Hurricane, Utah. Before they were able to make it to their hotel, their bus broke down in the middle of Utah. This event gave them time to explore stores and restaurants, and also see a breath taking sunset somewhere that they had never been before.

On day two, the group traveled to the Bryce Canyon. Later that evening they went out to dinner and were able to recreate an old fashioned movie, dressing up as horseman and saloon ladies.

According to Mr. Marcial, his favorite part of the trip was day three, when they visited the Zion Canyon at the Zion National Park in Utah.

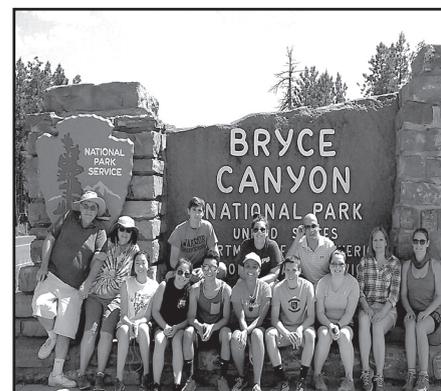
"Being able to hike in the narrows and then up into the emerald pool allowed me to really be able to see the power of nature; God's artwork in the sandstone, and the color, the way the wind and water cut into the rocks," said Mr. Marcial.

On the fourth day, the group traveled an hour from their hotel to their next adventure. With temperatures reaching over 100 degrees every day, the chill of the Colorado River was refreshing.

"It was beautiful. It was one of many views

that made the trip worth it," said junior Tess Balton.

Along with the day adventures, the students also were able to go to Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ where they learned about the history of planets and were able to



The group traveled to Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah.

participate in a solar viewing.

"Being able to experience the world by yourself is one thing, but when you're with your friends, it's a whole new experience," said junior Andrew Pinedo.

"The most worthwhile part of this trip was having kids overcome their fears and doubts, about travel or about certain aspects of life," said Mr. Marcial.

## Athletes, coaches enjoy new gymnasium

By KIRSTEN DUNN  
Staff Writer

Ever since last school year, there has been construction on the outside of the high school while the kids were inside learning. This school year, the look of the campus has drastically changed. With this improvement, the school now has a new and spacious gym, new locker rooms, a wrestling room, an athletic office, an upgraded trophy showcase and a state-of-the-art concession stand.



Photo by Kirsten Dunn

Now, during the winter, the gym teachers will not have to worry about where to fit the physical education classes.

"We are excited about the new gym," said physical education teacher and coach Mr. Jim Donnelly. "The added space will benefit our physical education classes greatly. We already used it for fitness testing and it was able to accommodate

four classes easily. I am also looking forward to watching basketball games in the gym as well."

Also, our inside sports can use the new gym for practices and games.

"Just having the brightness and the size of it allows us to utilize two courts as well as using the extra area in the gym for stations. That is providing us with a lot more reps, which we need," said Varsity girls' volleyball coach Bridget Crawford.

Overall, this project was 9 million dollars and took roughly eighteen months to build.

"We just want to try and take very good care of it, like in the winter time kids come in with salt on their shoes and go into the old high school gym. We need to keep it in better shape, it is a beautiful facility," said Director of Support Services Mr. Marvin Eversdyke.

## New digital networking site to debut Oct. 4



Fusfoo is a new digital networking site that will be available for students and the community to use starting Oct. 1. The website will host Delaware Valley related news articles, pictures and videos. DV is one of the few schools in the country piloting this new program.

Fusfoo will be updated and worked on by the Del. Aware staff and members of the

Fusfoo Digital Networking Team. This team will be meeting twice a month to keep the site updated with various types of news.

If you have an interest in being part of the Networking Team, see Mrs. Tamara Eshleman the media center. The first meeting will be held on Oct. 4 after school in the media center.

Senior Del. Aware World News editor Vanessa Paoella said, "Fusfoo is a really cool tool. Now we can share a whole new kind of info with the school community that's created by the students, about the students."

Pictured above: Junior Tess Balton, senior Sarah McDougall and senior Shaina Klein working the Fusfoo table at the club fair to promote the Digital Networking team.

Caption by Matt Cavallaro



# School News



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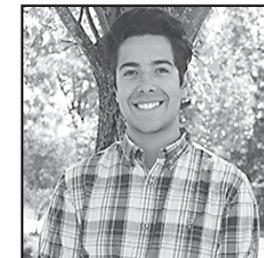
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# Community News

## Trail system established in Port Jervis

BY MEGHAN KELLY  
News Co-Editor

A new trail system in Port Jervis is bringing many new opportunities to those who enjoy the outdoors. Manufacturing teacher Mr. Tom Moran, along with mayor Kelly Decker of Port Jervis, is working diligently to transform an old watershed and reservoir area into a prime biking and hiking destination.

The project began in spring of 2016 after mayor Decker made the decision to open up 2,000 acres of watershed area. Mr. Moran is one of six men working on this project. The men work mostly on old Jeep trails, marking where the new trails will go and then clearing out all of the brush and deadfall from the area.

The students in the manufacturing class at are also helping with the creation of the trail system. The students are currently creating wooden signs to mark the trails. According to Mr. Moran this project is both educational for the students and a great way to give back to the community.

The trail system is called The Watershed trail system and currently contains 15 miles of trail with additional mileage to be added. The trail's first official event is a NCAA sanctioned mountain bike race on Oct. 1. This event is expected to welcome between 100-200 riders and is being hosted by West Point Military Academy.

Mr. Moran himself is an avid mountain biker and is very excited about the new trails. "It's an amazing destination for people to go and ride and hike. It's something we didn't have around here before," said Mr. Moran.

## Local musicians take the stage at Music Fest

BY JULIANN WINKLER  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The Milford Music Fest took place on Sept. 17, where people of all ages performed covers and original songs during the afternoon, such as the original song "Compassion" written by former DV student Veronica Fernandez.

"The weather is perfect and the atmosphere is very intimate; everyone seems to know each other wherever you go," said spectator, Josh Schultz.

To start off the day, performances began around 1 p.m. including a performance by Fernandez, who had a crowd of around 15 people consisting almost entirely of friends and family.

"I came to the Music Fest because I wanted to see Veronica play," said Schultz.

The main reason most spectators came to the Music Fest was to listen to the creativity and originality of each piece of music written by the musicians themselves. Instead of performing solely covers of songs, they sang a variety of original songs which gave each musician a sense of individuality.

"It is a lot of fun to write; the majority of the songs I performed are originals,"



Veronica Fernandez shares her songs at Music Fest.

Photo by Juliann Winkler

stated Fernandez proudly.

The musicians experienced a great amount of nervousness and excitement

during and after their performances.

"I would describe being up on stage as very nerve-racking. I'm even shaky after I perform, but I love it," said Fernandez.

The locations of each performance varied depending on the time of day. The majority of the performances took place at the Milford Dairy Bar, while others took place at The Patisserie and Hotel Fauchère.

The musicians kept the mood warm and inviting during their performances, including musician Jake Novak during his opening speech.

"Hopefully you like my singing, if not I'm sorry for the next 30 minutes," stated Novak as the crowd chuckled.

Both Fernandez and Novak demonstrated their talents by playing the guitar as they sang. While the musicians sang and played instruments at the Dairy Bar, the spectators enjoyed sweet treats and the beautiful weather that persisted all day. Overall, the crowd and musicians appeared to greatly enjoy their time spent at the Milford Music Fest.

## Featured business: The Naked Bagel

BY ALICIA HOUSBY  
Staff Writer

Guaranteeing the community fresh bagels and sandwiches every day, the Naked Bagel begins their day at 4:30 a.m., just in time for them to open at 6:00 a.m. for the work and school crowd.

Owners and siblings Scott Oliver and Danielle Kruszka opened the Naked Bagel in May 2015.

Their name, originally mentioned to the family as a joke, was found as amusing and unique and they decided to keep it.

Before opening their shop the family had hopes to someday open a business. Oliver has history of working in eateries. Kruszka is the cook in the family, and her husband

Chris manages the finances, improvements and orders. As the former owners, the Wilhborgs, put their deli up for sale, the Olivers and Kruszkas saw this as their chance to follow their dream.

A combination of hard work, motivation and long hours created this well-known and well-established business in the center of Milford. Currently, the Naked Bagel serves a variety of bagels, sandwiches, salads and soups.

In the future, they hope to expand their menu.

"It is very important to us that we keep to the standards of our local customers but also try to stretch a bit to get folks to try new things," Oliver said.

After over a year in operation, the family has found much success in their business.

"This is been the best decision we have made together as a family," Oliver said.

The family also owns the property above the deli, and work to renovate it. Opening new restaurants and buying more property is an option for the family.

"One thing is for sure, we are not quitters and once

we have both our businesses well above board we see the sky as the limit. For now, our hands are full with the upkeep of this building/deli, physically working ourselves and keeping some semblance of a normal family life," Oliver said.



The Naked Bagel prepares fresh bagels every day.



The deli displays its various foods for customers to look at and buy.

Photos by Alicia Housby

# Community News

## Black Bear Film Festival partners with schools

By KATIE COONEY  
Sports Co-Editor

The Black Bear Film Festival is an organization serving the tri-state area, providing films and educational opportunities for the community. The festival takes place in Milford on Oct. 14-Oct. 16.

The festival is offering volunteer opportunities and educational programs for students, families and the community.

Volunteers are needed on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 at the Film Salon, located at the Pike County Public Library, to assist with showing films. Ushers are needed throughout the weekend for the events, as well as volunteers to serve guests and to clean up after the opening night Gala on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. located at St. Patrick's church hall in Milford. To volunteer, email the volunteer committee at [carnee@ptd.net](mailto:carnee@ptd.net).

A "Script to Screen Filmmaking" workshop for students will be held on Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Milford Library.

For the first time in the festival's 17 year history, the Board of Directors has

reached out to schools in our area in search of student-made projects and volunteers.

"I am very passionate about this program," said Lenore Fasula, the Schools Partnership Liaison. "Having raised three children in Milford, I understand the need of having workshops and programs offered to excite and interest the young people in our area."

Schools including Delaware Valley, Wallenpaupack Area, Port Jervis and Sussex Technical High School have all joined the partnership with the festival, along with schools farther away who were not contacted such as Union High School, Pope John High School and even a student from Boston University.

"Considering this program was started in April 2016, we are so excited about the response of the schools involved and the workshops we are able to offer, and the student involvement with creating shorts

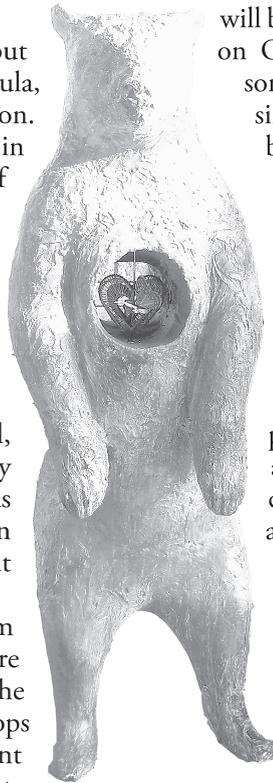
and commercials," said Fasula.

The projects made by the students will be shown at the Film Festival Salon on Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. There will be something for everyone at the event, since non-student made films will be shown as well, including "Dear President Obama," an open film letter about oil and gas drilling.

To see the full list of films, visit [blackbearfilm.com](http://blackbearfilm.com).

"The community and student involvement with this School Partnership is certainly a great opportunity to offer programs to ensure the educational aspect of film, volunteerism, community leadership and the arts," Fasula said.

To volunteer for any of the festival's functions, email the volunteer committee at [carnee@ptd.net](mailto:carnee@ptd.net).



## PCL welcomes youth writers

By MACKENZIE BENNETT  
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Milford branch of the Pike County Public Library will be hosting a Young Readers' Program as part of the Milford Readers and Writers Festival.

The program is directed towards middle schoolers and high schoolers who are interested in reading and writing. They will be able to bring their own writing and share it with others through an open mic format. Students who are interested in poetry can participate in a poetry slam as well. Several published young adult authors, including Delaware Valley High School graduate Melinda Michaels, will also be there to have a discussion with students regarding their writing and the writing process.

"I believe that high school students should be interested in attending the Readers and Writers Festival at the Milford library because it is a great way to engage with authors who are not only local, but published. They can answer questions about how to tell stories in a different way and how to start the process of getting your work published," said the library's Executive Director Rose Chiochi. "This is a unique opportunity to talk to those who are in the industry. It's also a chance to share your work with your peers and get some feedback."

Students who are passionate about reading and writing or who would like to possibly pursue a career as an author are encouraged to attend.

The festival as a whole begins on Sept. 30 and runs through Oct. 2. Besides the Young Readers' Program, there will be a cookbook authors' panel, a pop-up bookstore with author signings, and interviews with different writers.

## Grey Towers gives back to community

On Sept. 24, the Grey Towers National Historic Site celebrated National Public Lands Day and Community Appreciation Day. To give back to the community, Grey Towers hosted an ice cream social sponsored by the Milford Dairy Bar. Employees came to serve free ice cream to all the visitors from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event brought in approximately 700 visitors who came to enjoy the historic site.

Photos and captions created by Tess Balton



Mark the Magician provided entertainment for the kids by having a boy sit on a levitating table as one of his tricks.



Attendees holding up their chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, and pumpkin flavored ice cream, courtesy of the Milford Dairy Bar.



The many visitors wait patiently in line for their free ice cream while watching Mark the Magician perform.



"Poison Love" performs relaxing, folk music to the people sitting on the grass from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.



Noel, age 9, enjoys her strawberry ice cream cone while watching the magic show.

# GUIDE TO EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

## App Review:

### SAT Up

By JULIANN WINKLER  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Students from all around the world have been either preparing or procrastinating for the upcoming SAT tests, including myself. However, instead of procrastinating I have been trying my best to strengthen my skills, but I have a hard time finding an effective technique that will help.

Personally, I have been struggling with the math section, and unlike any other study techniques such as studying from a practice book, the SAT Up app personalizes the practice tests to my skill level. It even calculates my overall scores and allows me to know which sections I need to practice more. One of my favorite parts of this app is that after I take a practice test, instead of just saying the answer was incorrect, it explains the reasoning behind it so I can actually understand what I did wrong. This gives me the opportunity to avoid similar mistakes during the actual test.

Also, SAT Up has the option of entering the name of colleges I might be interested in attending. Following a practice test, the app calculates an estimated SAT score which gives me an idea of what I might score on the actual test, as well as whether or not that score would be accepted into one of the schools I'm interested in.

For the most part, I believe this app is nearly perfect, especially since it is free, but I am not a fan of the hidden fees within the app. It is understandable that the developers want to make a profit, when costing \$50.00 for one hour of tutoring, but it would be more convenient if the personalized tutoring was free as well, especially since it may be difficult for some people to afford.

## YouTube channels help students study

By MAEVE DOWD  
Entertainment Co-Editor

• **CrashCourse (4.7 million subscribers):** CrashCourse is a popular channel used by both students and teachers. Created by John and Hank Green, the brothers established CrashCourse to help educate people in a quick and fun way. The channel covers various topics such as Astronomy, World History and Literature. The videos begin with the speaker, but animations are added in during the lesson to appeal to both visual and auditory learners.

• **Khan Academy (2.7 million subscribers):** Khan Academy has an extensive amount of information and topics. The subjects include several levels of mathematics and grammar as well as a playlist dedicated to SAT preparation. Most videos are taught using a virtual blackboard with a voiceover explaining the steps as the information is being written.

• **Bozeman Science (467,406 subscribers):** Bozeman Science is a channel specializing in providing students with lessons on various science topics. Creator Paul Anderson conducts lessons on YouTube that range from understanding AP Biology to basic science concepts. The lesson will consist of a lecture portion while Anderson works through the problems explaining his process along the way.

• **TED-Ed (3.1 million subscribers):** TED-Ed is a YouTube channel in affiliation with TED Talks. The channel focuses on unique subjects that are not necessarily covered in the classroom. The channel has hundreds of videos with playlists that include Out of This World which speaks about space and the universe, while TED-Ed Originals explains a multitude of random topics. The TED-Ed Originals are animated with a voiceover of the information.

## Administration reflects on test results

By KIRSTEN PETERS  
Sports Editor

Every year, students partake in Keystone, AP (Advanced Placement) and NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) tests.

For Keystone tests, this year's scores were higher than last year's scores in the Algebra I, Biology and Literature categories.

For AP tests, 62 percent of students who took an AP class passed the AP exam, which is the highest passing percentage in the past four years. As for the NOCTI tests, students had an 89 percent passing rate, which is nine percent higher than it has ever been.

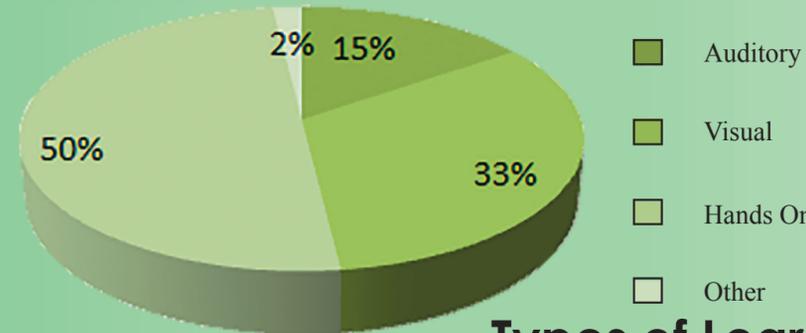
In addition, the school's SPP (Student Performance Profile) score last year was 72.5. High school principal Brian Blaum is hopeful that this year's SPP score, which comes out on Oct. 13, will be higher.

According to Mr. Blaum, "I am cautiously, extremely optimistic that our SPP score will be higher this year. Our teachers went out of their comfort zone by getting extra training to help students do their best on these tests."

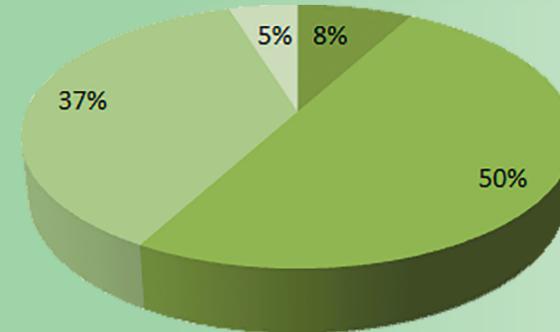
By SARAH MCDUGALL  
Managing Editor

School is not confined to the time spent sitting in the classroom. Rather, clubs, sports, homework, studying and standardized testing consume a large portion of the average student's life, and it can be rather stressful trying to balance everything. The following tips and information can be helpful for getting through the school year and gaining a better understanding of the many aspects to education.

## Types of Learners 11/12



## Types of Learners 9/10



After handing out the types of learners surveys to the 9/10 and 11/12 students during lunches, the results show that 9/10 students are mostly visual learners and 11/12 students are mostly hands on learners.

Compiled by: Shelby Brittain

## Dates to take the SAT (2016-2017)

## Score Delivery Dates

Oct. 1, 2016  
Nov. 5, 2016  
Dec. 3, 2016  
Jan. 21, 2017  
May 6, 2017  
June 3, 2017

Oct. 27, 2017  
Nov. 29, 2017  
Dec. 23, 2017  
Feb. 23, 2017  
June 8, 2017  
July 12, 2017

Compiled by: Mandy Xu and Kirsten Dunn

## Tutoring Opportunities

**Math tutoring-** held Wednesdays from 2:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. in room A8.

**Science tutoring-** held Thursdays 2:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. in room R22.

**The Math Lab-** is available to students during school hours in room A3.

**The Writing Lab-** is available to students during school hours in room C8.

**Math tutoring-** Mr. Scott Llewellyn is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 in room S4.

**Math Keystone review-** available to students every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in room D6.

Compiled by: Shaina Klein

## Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN REGARDING SCHOOL?"

By MACKENZIE BENNETT



"Walk fast in the hallways."  
**Brooke Eichner**  
Class of 2017



"Enjoy every moment you can get."  
**Joey Ghazal**  
Class of 2017



"Don't wish it [your time] away."  
**Stef O'Grady**  
Class of 2017



"Explore different types of electives."  
**Reiley Weems**  
Class of 2017



"Be nice to your teachers because they write your letters of recommendation."  
**Kelley Edison**  
Class of 2017



"Have fun because it goes by fast."  
**John Natiello**  
Class of 2017

# World News

## 9/11: Fifteen years later

By **KIRSTEN DUNN**  
Staff Writer

September 11th, 2001 is a date ingrained in the minds of all Americans.

Fifteen years after the event, Americans are still mourning the losses of their loved ones.

This year, memorial services were held in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA. At the World Trade Center, names of the nearly 3,000 individuals who lost their lives were read aloud in remembrance.

Another way people paid tribute on 9/11 was through giving back to the community. This day has created an inspiring tradition of participating in charitable work as an annual tribute to the victims, survivors and first responders.

On this anniversary, Americans all over the country came together to paint and refurbish homes, run food drives, spruce up schools, reclaim neighborhoods and support and honor veterans, soldiers, military families and first responders. Hence why September 11th has become known as the National Day of service and remembrance.

While these charitable activities were in progress nationwide, Mr. Ivan Santiago was remembering this day and his partner, who lost her life trying to save others.

Since 9/11, Mr. Santiago has changed his outlook on life. He has a strong belief that the country needs to stay in touch with America's morals and give back to our communities and those in need. He explained how he wears a 9/11 hat that has the New York Fire Department and Police Department embroidered on it. The hat helps is a reminder of what happened that day.

Even fifteen years after 9/11, Americans are still affected by the tragedy that took place that day.

## Colombian conflict comes to an end

By **COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER**  
World News Co-Editor

Anyone familiar with the Netflix show "Narcos" knows that Colombia is not the most peaceful country on Earth. The South American country has seen deadly drug lords, right wing militias and land mines planted by a leftist guerrilla group. But Colombian violence has subsided since the era of Pablo Escobar and his Medellin cartel. In fact, a peace deal between the government and the main rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), was signed on Sept. 26.

Under the agreement, which will be voted upon in a referendum Oct. 2, former rebel soldiers will lay down their arms and be reintegrated into Colombian society with little punishment. FARC rebels must now hand over weapons to the UN within 180 days. Rebel commanders will be prosecuted under special tribunals.

Additionally, the group's future political movement is guaranteed seats in the country's legislature.

"Never again will parents be burying their sons and daughters killed in the war," FARC leader Rodrigo Londoño said from

Havana, Cuba where the peace deal was negotiated. "All rivalries and grudges will remain in the past."

FARC has been active in the country since 1964. Initially, the rebel group fought to overthrow the government. The rebels, who claim to represent the rural poor, have engaged in guerilla warfare and drug trafficking.

Designated as terrorists by the U.S. and Colombian governments, there is little fondness left for the revolutionaries.

"Making peace is much more difficult than making war because you need to change sentiments of people, people who have suffered, to try to persuade them to forgive," the Colombian president, Juan Manuel Santos, said.

Colombia's people have a lot to forgive. According to a 2013 Colombian government commission's report, more than 220,000 have died from the fighting. Most of those dead were civilians. The emotional toll of the conflict has been staggering with kidnappings and massacres scarring many.



Colombian President Santos and FARC leader Londoño shake hands in Havana, Cuba.

Silvio Hernandez worries justice will not be delivered for his son Erik who died fighting against FARC.

"The FARC are not going to pay for the crime against my son," he said. "It's good that we are reaching peace, but this leaves me with many doubts."

Hernandez's worries are echoed by critics of the peace deal, including former president Alvaro Uribe. However, despite the deep hatred Colombia's citizens have towards FARC, they are expected endorse the deal at the ballot box on Oct. 2.

## Australian government denies refugees

By **MEGHAN KELLY**  
News Co-Editor

As many countries gear up to take in more refugees, Australia's biggest concern is how to keep refugees out. Australia has a unique system of dealing with the refugees coming from Syria and other Middle Eastern countries.

Instead of entering the country, refugees who arrive in Australia are immediately taken to an offshore island where they are kept in a holding camp for an unspecified amount of time. According to the Australian Human Rights Commission "The period of

time a person spends in detention may vary from a few weeks up to a few years, or even longer".

Currently there are two islands that are set up as holding camps: Nauru and Manus, neither of which are territories of Australia. Nauru is an island country in Micronesia and Manus located in Papua New Guinea. Both of these islands hold approximately 1,500 people at any given time. The islands are not large, and living conditions are poor. Multiple families are forced to live together in houses that are meant to fit just one four person family.

Another issue that stems from these camps is that all of the refugees are encouraged to stay inside camp boundaries at all times by the Australian government. In addition to these living conditions, the Australian government is not prioritizing

filing paperwork for those living on the island camps. Residents in the camps could potentially spend years waiting to

get documents and even at that point, they do not get invited to Australian soil. The majority of refugees are sent to settle in neighboring countries or are given the choice to return to their home country.

The two main political parties in Australia are the Liberal/National Coalition party and the center left Labor party. Both of these parties support the regulations concerning refugees whereas only the minority Green Party objects to the laws. In an article published by The Guardian it states, "Australia's refugee policies are envied and copied around the world, especially in Europe." On a world scale this is worrisome as the number of refugees continues to steadily increase.



Most of Australia's immigration detention centers are located on these islands.



The off-shore refugee camps have drawn harsh criticism from some Australians.

# World News

## Athletes shine at Paralympics, questions arise

BY MATT CAVALLARO  
Sports Co-Editor

Each of the United States athletes who competed in the 2016 Paralympic Games excelled in their respective events. America as a whole finished in fourth place for the final medal count thanks to the great work of the athletes.

The United States had a total of 115 medals, 40 gold, 44 silver and 31 bronze. China topped the board and Great Britain finished in second, while the U.S. was only two medals behind third place Ukraine.

Although the games went smoothly with athletes and fans enjoying the event, questions have begun to rise as to how the playing field can be leveled in certain events.



Source: Dailymail

**U.S. athlete Matt Stutzman wins silver medal in archery.**

With the prosthetic technology available today, some athletes who seem to have worse conditions actually have an advantage.

For example, runners who have double leg amputees have the ability to run much faster than those who only have one leg amputee. This was true during the men's 400 meter final when Greek runner Michail Seitis set a world record for his division with a time of 49.66 seconds.

Although the man with a single amputee set a world record, he finished in sixth place, with all five runners in front of him having double amputees. Craig Spence, the spokesman for the International Paralympic Committee, said the Rio Games have shown an increased level of athletic performance. However, he was hesitant to attribute all of it to advances in technology

because he says training for disabled athletes is also improving. It is a controversial topic

because the technology of the prosthetics, one that the Paralympic committee will have to solve in the near future.

Since these are the Paralympic Games, some events are either altered or completely

different from the regular Olympics, while some are just the same. Some different ones are soccer (seven a side), goal ball, judo, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and boccia. Some that are the same are track cycling and road cycling, archery, power lifting, swimming and volleyball.

The U.S. has won a total of 2,066 medals; 731 gold, 656 silver and 679 bronze in 24 sports at the 14 Paralympic Games.



Source: Paralympics

**In 5-a-side soccer all field players wear blindfolds and use a noise-making ball to play.**

## Candidates kick off first debate

BY MORGAN GIFFORD  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 26 the first presidential debate between presidential nominees Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump took place.

The debate took place at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, where Republican nominee, Donald Trump, and Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton, debated on many of the controversial topics facing the United States.

The two debated about topics such as: creating new jobs, reducing and increasing taxes, changing the relationships between police officers and African Americans, trade deals and the threat of ISIS in the U.S. and many other topics.

Two of the main topics discussed regarded the "Black

Lives Matter Movement" and the national threat of ISIS. The two discussed how they plan to solve these issues to better improve the country.

Although the debate was concentrated on bettering America, there were many personal attacks made by both Clinton and Trump. Clinton accused Trump of not releasing his tax returns but he rebutted that, "I will release my tax returns against my lawyer's wishes when she releases her 33,000 emails that have been deleted."

News sources have favored Hillary's performance at the debate but many agree that the debate neither helped nor hurt either candidate. They believe that the future debates will more likely determine what will happen in November.

## Protests continue in Charlotte N.C.

BY VANESSA PAOLELLA  
World News Editor

Protests broke out in Charlotte N.C. after the controversial shooting of Keith Lamont Scott, an African-American man, on Sept. 20 by Officer Brently Vinson. What started out as a vigil that night turned into the first of several violent riots.

Officer Vinson's version of the events describe Scott as exiting his car with a gun, and, after refusing to drop it, was fatally shot. Family members say he did not possess a gun and was simply reading a book as he waited for his daughter.

Video footage has been released after public outcry, though the events remain largely unclear. Scott's daughter can be heard screaming for her father's safety.

Chaos erupted as windows were smashed during these protests and businesses looted. News reporters were seen assaulted on camera and running from tear gas.

North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory declared a state of emergency Wednesday evening as protests became increasingly violent; one man, Justin Carr was shot in the head by another protester and numerous people and police officers sustained injury.

Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Duke Energy employees were urged to stay home Thursday morning following the governors declaration.

This is not the first incident of its kind and will likely not be the last as race continues to be a controversial issue in America.

## Britain leaves European Union

BY MAEVE DOWD  
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The highly controversial topic of Britain leaving the European Union (E.U.), better known as "Brexit," has stirred concerns and curiosity all over the world.

On June 23, Great Britain voted to leave the European Union in order to develop more freedom economically and to form a more independent country.

The vote was close, resulting in 52 percent on leaving and 48 percent on staying in the E.U. The majority of those who voted to leave had less of an education, while the number of people who voted to stay in the E.U. were of a higher educational stance.

Now that Britain is undergoing the process of leaving the European Union, the hope for many is that the British economy will become more stable and efficient. Although the idea sounds great to some of the British, the E.U. fears that losing one of its strongest and largest economies will negatively affect the European Union.

Britain now also fears that they will lose valuable trading partners because of limitations and connections the E.U. provided. Not only could the "Brexit" affect the economy, but the exit could affect immigration and the jobs that Britain and the E.U. provide.

Workers who travel to and from Britain may now have to apply for work visas which will slow down multiple companies' productivity.

As of now, the absence of Britain from the European Union has not been drastic, but many are concerned about what is to come for Britain and the European Union.



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## SPOTLIGHT MUSICIAN *Steven Catizone*

BY ARIANA COMO  
*Arts & Literature Editor*

From fifth grade to senior year, Steven Catizone has had a strong passion for music. According to his peers and band teachers, he is an “outstanding” asset to the Delaware Valley music program.

Steven was motivated by his parents in elementary school to be apart of the music program, and he has loved it ever since. He participates in the jazz, concert, and marching band playing the alto and baritone saxophone.

Because of the success he had as assistant drum major his junior year, he has pushed himself to work his way up to being head drum major at the start of his senior year.

Steven is not only a leader in the band room, but also outside of school as well. He encourages his peers to enjoy music while making memories. In addition, he puts his time aside to give kids lessons on the saxophone at least two times a week.

“Steven has been a

fantastic asset to the marching band and is now a great leader in concert and jazz band. He is always willing to help me and other students out,” said his band teacher Mr. Richard Bullock.

Steven hopes to attend Marywood University, and major in math education along with continuing his musical studies.

His inspiration is one of the originals, Frank Sinatra. He explains how he stands out to anyone who is a jazz musician. Also, Steven is thankful to have gotten the opportunity to work with Mr. Bullock.

“I admire how he took the time out of his day to help a kid he didn’t know get better at music,” said Steven.

Throughout his high school years, the music program has allowed him to meet new people and help others strive to achieve their goals.

“I encourage the underclassmen to stick with it. Practice makes perfect, and it will help to make your dreams come true,” he said.



## SPOTLIGHT ARTIST *Amber Doherty*

BY SHELBY BRITAIN  
*Arts & Literature Co-Editor*

Senior Amber Doherty has humbly expressed herself through her artwork from an early age.

However, this year she has stood out to her art teachers and peers more than ever.

Throughout her high school years, Amber has taken various art classes. She is currently enrolled in AP Studio Art and during the second semester of this school year she will be taking 3D Design. Amber’s favorite art classes were Introduction to Drawing, Painting Media and Computer Art. Despite the setbacks, she was able to gain confidence in herself during the courses.

“I’ve always been the best at drawing. I mostly draw people,” Amber said.

She has been drawing since she was around age 3 or 4. She started off drawing herself in the typical triangle dress but has grown into creating a beautiful, realistic

self portrait. Amber considers this her magnum opus, her greatest piece of artwork. She felt lost while starting this piece, but after putting time and effort into it she even surprised herself with her talent.

“It gave me a sense of pride, and I was one of the first to be finished,” she said.

Amber’s most memorable and favorite piece of artwork is one she named “Strong Woman.” She worked on this in Painting Media as a sophomore, but this piece has made a statement ever since. It is a still life of a black woman expressing diversity. This gave Amber a sense of individuality.

Dr. Irene Lantz and Mrs. Christine Sweeney have also helped her succeed and accomplish things she never thought she could.

Graduating high school this year, Amber plans to attend the School of Visual Arts in New York.

“My hero, Rebecca Sugar, went there, and she has created one of my favorite television shows. She inspires me not only as an artist, but also as a person,” explains Amber.



Amber's artwork  
“Strong Woman”

## SPOTLIGHT WRITER *Shaina Klein*

BY ALICIA HOUSBY  
*Staff Writer*

Senior Shaina Klein is a dedicated writer inside and outside of the classroom, sharing her talent with the school as the Del.Aware’s school news editor.

Crediting Mrs. Leslie Lordi as her inspiration to join the Del.Aware, Shaina never planned on joining journalism during her high school career.

“I had no interest in journalism really to begin with but then she [Mrs. Lordi] kept talking about it in class,” Shaina explained.

After learning more about the newspaper, she took Journalism I as a sophomore and was selected for Journalism II as news co-editor her junior year.

“It’s been a privilege to see Shaina grow as a more technical writer in journalism,” Mrs. Lordi said.

As the school news editor, it is no surprise that Shaina’s favorite articles to write are those involving events around

school.

“It [school news] allows you to get involved in school at another level,” Shaina said.

Her favorite part of journalism as a whole is getting to experience talking with many different types of people in and out of school.

“I’m the most quiet person, so when I’m going to find out information, I love just having a conversation with someone and then after that translating that into writing,” Shaina said.

Being a part of journalism has allowed Shaina to appreciate news more as a whole.

“It’s such a different style of writing than any other type of writing, for classes or for fun. It’s a challenge getting out of what your normal mindset is,” Shaina said.

Although Shaina plans on majoring in biology in college and going into a STEM field, she does hope to join her college newspaper to continue her passion for writing.

## Writer’s Sample

*Everyone has experienced the trauma of sitting in a classroom, having a teacher hand back last week’s test, and waiting anxiously to see what you got only to find that you completely bombed it. The classroom becomes filled with chatter as other students turn to their neighbors and compare scores. You shove your paper into your folder and keep your head down, hoping to become invisible, but your efforts fail as soon as you hear “Hey, how’d you do?”*



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## Peter's Valley artists inspire art students

BY SERA SHAFER  
Entertainment Editor

On Sept. 14, the art students were lucky enough to experience demonstrations by Peter's Valley resident artists. Peter's Valley received a grant from the Pike County Community Foundation to hold this day known as "craftsmen at work" at a Pike County school of their choice.

Four resident artists each gave 11 separate 20-minute demonstrations on their artwork and creative process.

Kevin Bond, a photographer, demonstrated his techniques for transferring his photographs from digital files into tangible pieces of artwork by displaying them on wood, glass, photo books and more.

Brienne Rosner, a mixed media artist, displayed various pieces of artwork for students. She demonstrated various techniques she uses including painting with hand mixed paints, stitching

and beading.

Kaleigh Jones, a jeweler, had samples of her work, and she demonstrated sandcasting and welding pewter.

Kate Mitchell, a fibers artist, explained how to design textiles to use for interior applications. She brought a variety of samples of her



Rosner demonstrates her artistic techniques.  
Contributed Photos



Bond shows students how to display photos in unconventional ways.

work and discussed current issues in the field.

While the students were the ones intended to gain from the demonstrations, the resident artists also benefitted from the experience.

After the day was finished, Jones said, "I think it went really well, everybody seemed to be paying attention

and interested. That's all I can do is make people interested and do something that shows what I really like to do and hopefully it catches on for at least one person."

Bond said, "If I could at least inspire one person today, that's

cool. That's what it's all about."

This passion was seen in the resident artists, students and art teachers.

Senior Emily Finelli who had the opportunity to watch two of the demonstrations described the experience as a great opportunity to experience different art careers.

"It was nice to see how helpful the art programs at our school actually are, like the metal artist was using a technique similar to one we will be learning and the photographer showed us ways to make pictures our own and really just be creative and love what we make," said Finelli.

## Book Review: "More Than This"

BY COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER  
World News Co-Editor

I'm sure many of you have had those deep shower thoughts: What comes after life? Why are we here? Is there... more than this?

Unfortunately, reading Patrick Ness' novel, "More Than This" will not give definitive answers to any of those questions. In fact, reading it will probably leave you even more puzzled.

"More Than This" begins soon after the apparent death of its main character, Seth. He has drowned but is now awake, thirsty, starving and naked. His surroundings feel almost... familiar yet starkly alien. Sets the tone for the rest of the novel, huh?

Seth is just as confused as the reader. Throughout the rest of the nearly 500 page novel, we learn more about Seth's past and the world into which he awoke. "More Than This" is so well paced, I finished it one night, never being able to put it down. Anyone

reading the book will appreciate learning more of the characters and trying to solve its mysteries.

Trying is the key word though. Ness enjoys playing with the reader's expectations while exploring those unanswerable philosophical questions. Seth grapples with the same questions as he attempts to figure out his place and purpose in this new world.

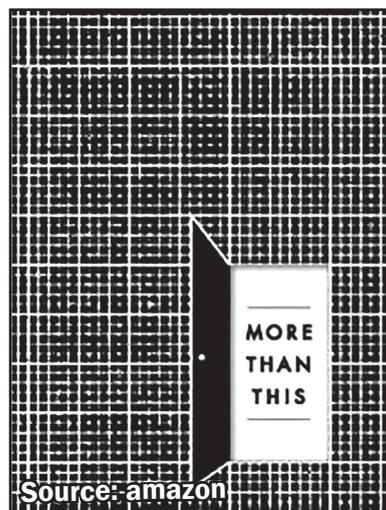
Character development is a strong suit for Ness. The best part of the novel are Seth's dreams, which are written as vignettes about past events in his life. Each vignette is beautifully crafted, revealing and especially poignant. Seth's

character is strongly built upon in each one.

Additionally, the dialogue of "More Than This" is never boring or fake. You will cry and laugh alike.

Ness' writing style is, admittedly, something that must grow on you to appreciate this book. It is fast-paced and you may struggle keeping up. He loves to put a new twist on the situation just when you feel like you understand it. Yet, that is partly the purpose of the novel, to illustrate how utterly clueless we can be about life.

So what are you waiting for? Follow author John Green's advice, "just read it."



Source: amazon

## Fashion Aware: Fall Skirts

BY SYDNEY COUTURIER  
News Co-Editor

Skirts have made their way back into the latest fashion trends with the new fascination in the button down skirt. This trend is very popular, especially in the halls of Delaware Valley, where they are styled in all different ways.

These stylish skirts can be worn in many different ways. They are a great trend for the hotter days when you want to stay cool but can also be great for the fall too.

One aspect of the skirt that has everyone raving about them is the high waist. Many people like high waisted bottoms because of all the different ways to style them.

While the hot weather is still hanging around at the start of this school year, they can be worn with the popular crop top, T-shirt or tank top and a pair sandals or flip flops.

There are other ways to style this fashion trend, one being a more dressed up look. If you are going for a more dressy look, the outfit can easily be dressed up with some heels and jewelry.

Just because colder months are starting to roll around, the style trends don't have to change. With just a few changes, this same skirt can be worn as a super cute fall outfit. By adding a long sleeve shirt and your choice of boots, the outfit is better suited for the colder weather.

Overall, the button down skirt is a versatile trend that will probably be sticking around for a while, and we should expect to see them worn in all different ways throughout the year.



# ENTERTAINMENT



## TV Review:

### "Last Man Standing"

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*Sports Co-Editor*

As the show's sixth season is underway, "Last Man Standing" has become one of the best comedies on television.

The show follows Mike Baxter (Tim Allen) and his family as he struggles to teach his conservative values and opinions to his three daughters, wife and son in law, all of which have ways of challenging them.

Baxter is the marketing director at "Outdoor Man," an outdoor sporting goods store. At the end of each episode, he vlogs about his family's experiences, where he relates them to nature, something his viewers would understand.

The season six premiere is a perfect example of the show's zany nature.

As Baxter's oldest daughter prepares a brunch at the store, a bear enters through a door one that his daughter's boyfriend accidentally left open. The two men find themselves unknowingly trapped inside a supply closet with the bear's cub.

This was just one of the many unusual events that have occurred since the show started in 2011.

In past episodes, Baxter mixed up his grandson with another child on Halloween and in another, one of Baxter's daughters attempted to unionize Santa's elves as she worked in the store during the Holiday season.

What sets this show apart from the others is its unconventional humor, hilarious events that take place and different, but somehow compatible characters who must live with each other.

It is a perfect show to watch with your family, and I recommend it to anyone looking for a laugh because there will be plenty.

## Netflix Review: "Stranger Things"

**BY NICOLE DARDIA**  
*Opinions Editor*

On July 15, Netflix released an original series titled "Stranger Things." The show became a hit immediately.

The backstory is simple. Taking place in the 1980s, a young boy named Will goes missing in a small town in Indiana. His mother goes into a panic and works together with the local authorities to bring her son home. It quickly becomes evident that the case is anything but ordinary. Will's three buddies take matters into their own hands while trying to find their friend, and along the way they meet a girl who seems to be able to give them clues about their missing friend. The show blends horror, mystery, science-fiction and a little bit of love together for a thrilling adventure in only eight short episodes.

The series stars many young and upcoming actors and actresses like Millie Bobby Brown, Finn Wolfhard, Caleb

McLaughlin, Noah Schnapp and Gaten Matarazzo. These stars may be young, but their performance is beyond stellar. They are able to take on mature roles.

Brown, who plays an almost completely mute character named Eleven, is one of the most diverse and interesting characters in the series. Although she barely speaks, her ability to portray all of her emotions with just facial expressions and body language makes it easy for anyone watching to be fascinated by her.

Gaten Matarazzo, who plays Dustin, helps add a little bit of cuteness and nostalgia to the show. His toothless grin is able to make the viewers fall in love with him. His character is there to break up all the seriousness with some adorable humor. But

when it is necessary, Matarazzo is able to switch gears and be serious.

Overall, the show is incredible. The young cast is not a disadvantage at all; it is rather an enhancement. The main characters, along with the supporting roles, all fit together perfectly, and all the actors and actresses help highlight each other. The mixture of genres makes the show appealing to almost any type of viewer. The only downside would be the special effects. Most of them are pretty good, but a few scenes are below average.

I highly recommend "Stranger Things" to anyone, and be sure to watch out for the second season premiering next summer.



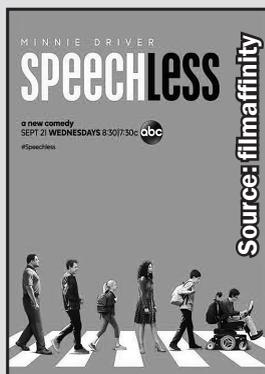
## New, returning shows to know this fall

**BY MACKENZIE BENNETT**  
*Entertainment Co-Editor*

As the leaves on the trees start to change color and we move into the fall season, new and old television shows begin to emerge. Ranging from hilarious comedies, here is a rundown of look forward to this year. "Designated Survivor" was expected to make a strong impression when it premiered on Sept. 21. Kiefer Sutherland stars as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Tom Kirkman. He is thrust into the role of the president's State cabinet members during the attack during the address. Kirkman must learn how to navigate his newfound position amidst the chaos going on around him. For anyone interested in politics or simply looking for a show to keep you on the edge of your seat, this is one to check out.

Minnie Driver plays the role of Maya Dimeo in "Speechless," a new comedy about a family with a special needs child. Dimeo's son JJ has cerebral palsy and cannot speak, but she is a fierce advocate for him and will not settle until he gets what he deserves. By taking such a serious subject and showing the lighthearted side of it, the show may appeal to a wide range of people. It premiered on ABC on Sept. 21.

The CW's "Frequency" combines science fiction elements



with mystery and drama in a show centered around time travel. Based on a 2000 film by the same name, the show is about a woman who alters the present when she discovers that she can communicate with her deceased father who is 20 years in the past. The actors range from Peyton List ("Mad Men") to Riley Smith ("True Blood"). If anyone is searching for something to watch that incorporates all different elements of television, this might be one to look into when it debuts on Oct. 5.

One of fall TV's most anticipated returns is ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." Going into its 13th season, executive producer Shonda Rhimes's medical drama continues to hook viewers each and every year. Ellen Pompeo stars as Meredith Grey, the head of general surgery at Grey-Hospital in Seattle, with difficult medical cases, she and her colleagues' personal lives as well as her own. The new season 12, but the first available to end this autumn Diaries." After air, this gripping drama about two played by Paul Somerhalder, will be wrapping up. Despite this being the final season, fans can expect many twists and turns. The first few seasons can be viewed on Netflix before tuning into the show on Oct. 21 on The CW.





# ENTERTAINMENT



## Movie Review: "Sully"

By VANESSA PAOLELLA  
World News Editor

What would you do if you were forced to question every action that the media and public labeled as heroic?

This is the premises for *Sully*, the portrayal of the events surrounding Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger's dramatic landing on the Hudson River and the questions that arose in the aftermath.

On Jan. 9, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 suffered a dual engine failure after multiple bird strikes, shortly after taking off from LaGuardia Airport located in New York City. Realizing that he would not have enough altitude to land the plane at either of the nearby airports, Captain Sully decided to land on the nearest open area large enough to accommodate the plane—the Hudson River.

His actions that day prevented the death of all 155 people aboard the airplane in what is possibly the most successful ditching in aviation history. Only five people sustained serious injuries from the emergency landing and the water's freezing temperature.

Yet, despite his heroic efforts, the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) begins to look into his actions and question the necessity of this highly dangerous landing. Perhaps his heroic landing was instead a reckless endangerment of lives due to poor judgment.

Director Clint Eastwood expressed Captain Sully's harried thoughts quite exceptionally through flashbacks and daydreams. The slow exposure of events and information definitely made this interesting movie all the more exciting.

In addition, Tom Hanks did a fabulous job playing the captain. His acting was spot on; you can practically feel the anxiety and uncertainty rolling off of him as the investigation progresses and takes a turn for the worse.

My biggest complaint, as with any real life event adapted to the screen, is with the falsities of the movie

in relation to the actual events. I understand that the purpose of a movie is to entertain; however, I believe that accuracy should never be sacrificed for drama.

This movie portrays the FAA investigators as determined to prove negligence; there is absolutely no evidence of this behavior in the real events. Yes there was an investigation, but I'd like to believe the real FAA investigators wouldn't have been near as villainous or ignorant. Not only does it portray the FAA in a negative light, but it also gives people who are unfamiliar with the actual events false information.

Despite this, "Sully" is a must see for those, like me, who love to learn more about historical events. Captain Sully and his co pilot's actions are nothing short of extraordinary, a real life miracle in a world fraught with tragedy.



Source: abc7ny

## ComicCon returns for fans

By NICHOLAS RIVERA  
Science & Technology Editor

As has been the annual trend since 2006, New York Comic Con is being held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan from Oct. 6 to Oct. 9.

This year, there will be a few differences from previous events that people who have been uninformed may not understand.



A new ticket purchasing system has been introduced called Fan Verification, which involves an application that fans need to fill out to purchase tickets and prevent people from buying tickets and reselling them for a higher price.

This year some larger panels, such as the panel for *The Walking Dead*, will be held at the Theater at Madison Square Garden as a new addition.

The event always has highly notable attendees, with this year being no different. Some of the attendees will be Adam Savage from "Mythbusters," Neil deGrasse Tyson, Jon Bernthal from "Daredevil" and many more guests who have yet to be announced.

There will be a follow up review of the event in the October issue of the Del Aware.

## "The People vs O.J. Simpson" takeover

By SYDNEY COUTURIER  
News Co-Editor

The 68th Annual Emmy Awards took place on Sept. 18 in Hollywood. Jimmy Kimmel hosted the Emmy Awards this year. He grabbed the attention of his audience all night with his jokes and comedic personality.

As usual at a red carpet event, the stars managed to make a statement on the carpet, even in the extreme heat. Among those who stood out were: Taraji P. Henson in Vera Wang, Priyanka Chopra in Jason Wu, Kerry Washington in custom Brandon Maxwell, Kristen Bell in Zuhair Murad, Tracee Ellis Ross in Ralph Lauren, and Sarah Hyland in Monique Lhuillier.

The show "The People v. O.J. Simpson" went home with many awards. In addition to winning the award for Outstanding Limited Series, the show's Sara Paulson and Courtney B. Vance won Outstanding Lead Actress and Actor in a Limited Series, along with Sterling K. Brown received Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series. The show, including its cast and crew finished the night with a total of nine Emmy Awards.

Winners of the night in the comedy series include: Julia Louis-Dreyfus for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series, Kate McKinnon for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series, Jeffrey Tambor for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series and Louie Anderson for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series. Outstanding Comedy Series was awarded to the show "Veep."

"Game of Thrones" won Outstanding Drama Series. Other winners from the drama category include: Tatiana Maslany for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series, Maggie Smith for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, Rami Malek for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series and Ben Mendelsohn for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series.

## Album review: Red Letter Day

By TESS BALTON  
Staff Writer

Red Letter Day (RLD) is a new teen rock band from Los Angeles, CA that consists of four band members. Will (16) plays bass and is the lead singer, John (16) plays drums and sings, Jason (15) plays lead guitar and sings, and Dominic (16) plays rhythm guitar and sings.

RLD describes themselves as "a band of young men with old souls," which is apparent in their music taste.

Their debut album, simply titled *Red Letter Day*, consists of classic rock covers such as "Jet" by Paul McCartney, "Happy Together" by The Turtles, "Oh Well Maybe" by The Grays and "Favorite Beatnik Star" by Poole. Red Letter Day's covers add a sense of appreciation towards the original artists but also make the song their own.

The impressive four-part harmonizing paired with the modern sound of their guitars, bass and drums express who they are and what they want their music to be.

RLD have an original song on the album titled "Long Lost Girl." This song is a slow and dreamy ballad, contrary to the faster, classic and indie rock that the band mostly covered. This is my favorite on the album as the melody is beautiful and the lyrics are complex and poetic.

I recommend this album to everyone as the music style is enjoyable for a broad audience and I'm looking forward to new albums.



## Tech Preview: iPhone 7

BY NICHOLAS RIVERA

*Science and Technology Editor*

Every year, Apple releases a new handset phone in addition to their wide array of technology on the market. Each annual installation comes with new specifications that are meant to top the market and justify their high prices.

This year, like years prior, the new iPhone comes in two models: the iPhone 7 and the iPhone 7 Plus. The difference is mainly their size, with the 7 Plus having a 5.5 inch display and higher end specifications while the 7 has a 4.7 inch display,

Neither model will have a headphone jack, but they do come with Lightning EarPods which are the same ear buds as the other iPhones, however they do not have a 3.5 millimeter headphone jack. Instead, they connect via the charging port of the phone.

The battery life of both models has been improved, with the iPhone 7 Plus having up to an hour more battery life than the 6s Plus and the iPhone 7 having up to two hours more than the 6s.

The iPhone 7 comes with a single 12 megapixel camera, while the iPhone 7 Plus comes with a dual lens that provides a wide angle and up to 2X optical zoom. Both models are paired with a quad LED flash.

Both iPhones are now rated at IP67, meaning that they are splash, water and dust resistant. This is partially thanks to the new home button, which is now a pressure-sensitive glass fingerprint reader that provides haptic feedback, vibrating the phone when pressed firmly.

The two new iPhones are improvements to the previous models; however, for the price, it may not be worthwhile to upgrade from the iPhone 6s or 6s Plus.

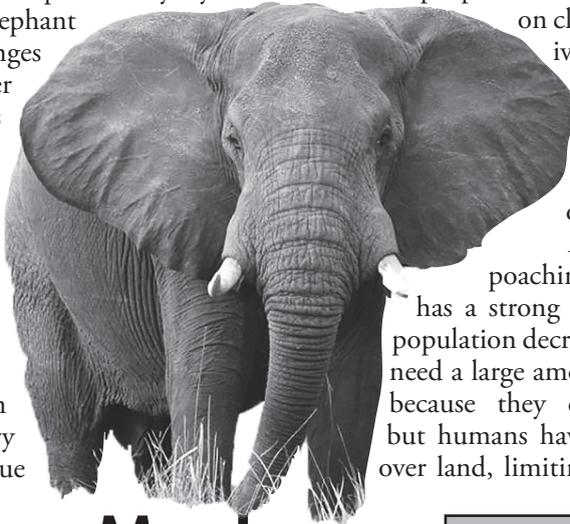
## Endangered elephants struggle to survive

BY JULIANN WINKLER

*Science and Technology Co-Editor*

Forty-thousand elephants are killed on average each year due to poaching for ivory (elephant tusks), as well as habitat loss. If this continues, it is likely elephants will be almost entirely extinct by the end of the next decade. With the help of everyday people, as well as elephant conservationists, changes need to be made in order to help these animals survive. Although not everyone will be able to go out and physically make a change, bringing awareness to this topic may have a great enough effect to help save this struggling species.

Despite an international ban on ivory in 1989, poachers continue



to hunt elephants due to the rareness and popularity of the item as an effect of its beauty, durability and its ability to be easily carved. Since ivory is so expensive, costing around \$1,500 per pound on the black market, it motivates poachers to continue killing elephants because they can illegally make a living off of selling ivory. In order to

fix this, people need to strike down

on closing domestic

ivory markets

to end the

killing of

elephants and

the trafficking

of ivory.

Along with

poaching, habitat loss

has a strong impact on the

population decrease. Elephants

need a large amount of habitat

because they eat so much,

but humans have been taking

over land, limiting the amount

of food the elephants can find. Forest and savanna habitats, which house the majority of the worlds' elephants, have been converted to cropland, pastureland for livestock and been used for its timber. This decrease in food supply has made it extremely difficult for the elephant populations to survive and reproduce. Although it is impossible to prevent people from taking over land, it is possible for people to designate specific areas which will not be taken over, where they can reintroduce elephants, giving them a reliable place to live. For example, sanctuaries have been created to allow a natural replenishment of elephant populations and better conditions have been improved for those in captivity as well.

Since people have drastically affected the elephant population in a negative way, it is now time to replenish what has been done. Humans are the cause of their endangerment but can also be the reason for their survival.

## Tesla, Elon Musk expand horizons

BY NICHOLAS RIVERA

*Science and Technology Editor*

The high tech electric car company known by many as Tesla Motors remains far more than simply another automobile company. The highly successful Elon Musk rules much of the market when it comes to electric cars; however, he is not limited to solely land vehicles with his aerospace company, SpaceX.

Elon Musk has recently released his plans for the future of his companies.

Musk said, "In short, the master plan is: Build sports car. Use that money to build an affordable car. Use that money to build an even more affordable car. While

doing above, also provide zero emission electric power generation options. Don't tell anyone."

To understand his plan, one can look at the past of Musk's companies. Tesla first released the Tesla Roadster for \$109,000, moving on to the Model S, Model X and finally the Model 3 at a \$35,000 price point.

Recently, SpaceX has been in the news with their Falcon 9 rocket, which exploded on the launch pad on Sept. 1; however, SpaceX's president Gwynne Shotwell claims the rockets will be back flying by November.

"They can't catch him now. He's too far ahead," says billionaire investor Ronald Baron.



Source: Snopes

## Fitbit becomes a hit

BY MAEVE DOWD

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The rave is over and the reviews are rolling in on the FitBit watch and fitness trackers.

The FitBit brand was founded in 2007 by James Park and Eric Freidman in San Francisco Calif. The friends started off small, nearly failing the company seven times, but once sales began to rise and the brand grew awareness and popularity the company was able to grow to the eight billion dollar brand it is today.

FitBit offers a wide variety of products, sizes and colors to appeal to all customers. As well as the wearable product the company launched an application for phones and mobile devices, the app allows users to track their amount of steps, heart rate and connect in order to compete against fellow users.

Along with having a selection of styles, the products all have different features and performances. Some available features of the products include a

heart rate monitor, a multi-sports mode, and reminders to move, auto sleep tracking and silent alarms. On average the more features the product has, the more expensive it is.

FitBit has a multitude of styles and variety available on their website. Each style is categorized into a level of fitness. The everyday fitness level includes the FitBit Zip, FitBit One, FitBit Flex and FitBit Alta. Products for active users include the FitBit Charge and FitBit Blaze, and the performance product is the FitBit Surge.

FitBit also includes special edition products such as the FitBit Blaze and the FitBit Alta. The products vary in price range according to the added features and performances. The most compact FitBit, the FitBit Zip, retails at \$59.95, and the special edition products can cost up to \$229.95.

"If it was not bought for me I do not know if I would use it," said Wellness Club adviser Mr. Sean Giblin. "It is interesting."



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## OSIRIS-REx soars into space from Kennedy Space Center

By MORGAN GIFFORD  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 8, NASA released its first asteroid sampling mission from Florida to embark on a seven-year journey to retrieve parts of an asteroid.

NASA released its new, robotic explorer known as OSIRIS-REx at Kennedy Space Center in Florida to return to earth in 2023. OSIRIS-REx will be going on a very important journey to retrieve contents from the asteroid, Bennu.

This asteroid and others like it are believed to have been remnants from the creation of earth and the rest of the solar system. This mission is intended to gain valuable information to better understand the formation of the solar system.

The new space explorer, OSIRIS-REx stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer. OSIRIS-REx is very complex and was built specifically to ensure that its direct mission to Bennu runs perfectly.

OSIRIS-REx was constructed to ensure that it would be able to push through the layers of the earth's dense atmosphere. The explorer began its journey by burning a

form of kerosene with liquid oxygen to push through the lowest levels of the earth's atmosphere.

After the spacecraft got through the lower atmosphere a part of the shuttle called the Centaur began controlling the rocket to begin moving upward at a faster rate.



Space Explorer, OSIRIS-REx takes off from Kennedy Space Center on Sept. 8 2016.

About one hour into the mission, the asteroid sampling spacecraft released from the fuel burning part of the rocket to fly on its own.

The new spacecraft has left for its mission and has specific tasks each year. In 2018 OSIRIS-REx will

approach the asteroid to study and locate the parts of the asteroid to later be taken and brought back to earth.

The spacecraft is due to perform a complex maneuver in 2020 where it is needed to collect at least two ounces of surface material off the asteroid. The sample collected from Bennu will contain dust particles and rocks that will be studied in 2023 when OSIRIS-REx returns to earth.

Bennu was selected over other asteroids for this mission because it meets very specific criteria that are essential for the mission to go smoothly. Bennu is an NEO, which means that it is a Near Earth Asteroid. Having an asteroid that is an NEO is very important because it is relatively close to the earth, allowing the mission to be quicker.

When selecting an asteroid for the mission, NASA wanted a relatively small asteroid; Bennu has a diameter that is less than 200 meters which is an ideal size for an asteroid to be studied.

When OSIRIS-REx returns in 2023, scientists hope to learn and discover new information about the earth that was unknown before.

## Planet discovery suggests existence of life

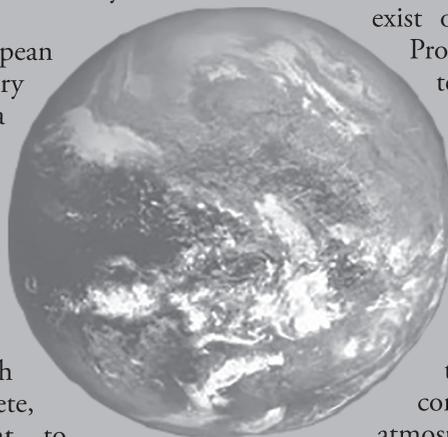
*Exoplanet Proxima b's Earth-like structure and possible presence of water lead astronomers toward innovative research.*

By SARAH MCDUGALL  
Managing Editor

Society has pondered the presence of alien life and how it will affect the planet since the time of the Greek philosophers. The conspiracies about extra-terrestrial life may not seem so far-fetched with the recent discovery of the exoplanet Proxima b, which may be able to support life.

In late August, the European Southern Observatory discovered that Proxima Centauri, a faint red dwarf that is the closest star to the Sun, has an exoplanet orbiting it, aptly named Proxima b. The discovery was published in the journal "Nature."

Although research is nowhere near complete, many observations point to the possibility of life inhabiting the planet because of its many similarities to Earth's structure. Proxima b has a slightly larger mass than Earth, which suggests a rocky surface, and also leads to the assumption of a similar radius to Earth. Despite this, it is also assumed that the atmosphere would be denser because of the larger mass, leading to a stronger greenhouse effect and a lower surface temperature; these



factors would make it difficult for life to thrive.

"First, we need rock, and Proxima b indeed is a planet that certainly has a rocky surface. Second, the most common molecule in the universe, water, has to be present. We have no evidence of this, but water can be found everywhere in space and there are no reasons why it would not exist on the surface of

Proxima b—and the temperatures on its surface likely allow the water to be liquid and for oceans as well. Third, there needs to be carbon dioxide, but that is simply a common primitive atmospheric molecule on all the Earth-sized planets in the solar system," said Mikko Tuomi of the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield, UK, who was the first individual to spot signs of the planet when studying data.

The criteria for life may be met, considering the fact that Proxima b is in a "habitable zone" in correlation with its star, meaning liquid water could exist on the

surface.

There are a few concerns with the situation of the new planet, including the potential difficulty for water to stay in liquid form because red dwarfs are relatively dim. As red dwarfs go through their life cycle, they gradually cool off, and this also poses a threat to the possibility of life.

"The big questions are, how much is it like our Earth, and does it have life? Those are the questions that everyone wants to know," said Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer at the SETI Institute. "Is there anybody there? And to answer that question is not easy."

Because of the planet's close proximity, further research will take place using the James Webb Space Telescope. It is predicted that Earth is halfway through its

life cycle because the Sun will eventually threaten it, and so Proxima b, with its young sun having trillions of years left, may be our next home if it is found that life exists and flourishes on this exoplanet.



The above image is a painting that predicts what the surface of Proxima b would look like, based on comparison with the surface of Earth.

# SPORTS

## Girls' soccer triumphs

By MANDY XU

Circulation Co-Manager

The Warriors kicked off their season with some brand new faces in the starting line-up.

### DV - 1, Valley View - 0

On Sept. 14, the Warriors played an intense game against Valley View.

In the first half, Valley View was called for a handball, giving the Warriors a heads up with an indirect kick.

Senior goalie Stef O'Grady had a total of six saves with help from junior Haley Korfmann back on defense.

Junior captain Reilly Henry took

three corner kicks, looking to take a shot on goal, but could not score off on Valley View's defense in the first half.

The anticipation built as the second half began, waiting for the first goal to be scored from either team. Twenty-three minutes into the second half, Henry was able to get the ball through the Cougars defense to secure the first goal for the Warriors.

The Warriors maintained a solid defense comprised of sophomore Brittany Brockmann and junior captain Jillian Reich, to keep Valley View from scoring.

According to junior Ciera Cavallaro, "Defense played well together as a unit. We moved together and our passing was on point."

### DV - 4, Scranton - 0

On Sept. 19, the Warriors played their fifth league game against Scranton.

Seven minutes into the game, Henry scored the first goal for the Warriors with a corner-kick, taking the lead 1-0.

After a constant back and forth possession of the ball, Reich eventually gained control of the ball to assist sophomore Alexis Sickler's goal.

Henry and sophomore Corrine Randazzo were able to drive two more goals into the back of the net, winning the game of 4-0.



Junior Reilly Henry dribbles the ball towards the goal. Photo by Alicia Housby

## XC sprints towards victories

By BRY ROSE

Circulation Co-Manager

The girls' cross country team stands undefeated after sweeping their four-way meet against Scranton, West Scranton and Mid Valley, while the boys' team defeated Mid Valley.



Junior Sean Rinkel sprints towards the finish line. Contributed photo

### DV Girls 3 - 0, DV Boys 1 - 2

On Sept. 20, senior Vanessa Paoella placed second overall for the girls' team after a close finish. Denali Hutzelmann and Sarah McDougall also finished strong, securing the wins.

The boys' team was led by junior Vincent Schlenker who finished fifth overall and first for the Warriors, along with junior Jonathan Roe followed by sophomore Jared Krick who finished third.

Senior Mustafa Kalaycioglu responded to how it feels to finally cross the finish line. He said, "It hurts at the end because you're really pushing it, but it's also a relief because you know you've finished."

### PIAA Foundation Invitational

On Sept. 24, the team competed at the 10th annual PIAA Foundation Invitational in Hershey, Pa. to challenge themselves with the nature of the course and the competitors.

Senior Denali Hutzelmann placed 94th overall with a time of 21 minutes 15 seconds. Paoella and senior Sarah McDougall finished with solid times as well.

As for the boys' team junior Vincent

Schlenker placed 186th with a time of 18 minutes and 45 seconds, along with Roe and Krick who tied under 20 minutes.

"It was my fourth time running on this course and it's still not easy, but the experience as a whole was beneficial and has prepared our team for the rest of the season," said McDougall. "I'm sure we will be back

in November to tackle the course again at the State Championship."

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Girls' Soccer



Corrine Randazzo, SOPHOMORE  
Taylor Randazzo, SENIOR

"They have worked tirelessly to contribute to our team since moving to DV. They attended many summer practices to prepare for the season, and they complement our current core of players with their determination, spirit and work ethic."

-Head coach Jeff Rainear

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Cross Country



Vanessa Paoella, SENIOR  
Vincent Schlenker, JUNIOR

"Both runners have stepped up this season as team captains and are setting great examples during races and academically."

-Head coach Audrey Josephite

## Collegiate Update: JMU's Bryan Schor



Source: invdaily

By MATT CAVALLARO

Sports Co-Editor

Bryan Schor was a record-breaking quarterback at DV and is now in his first full season as starting quarterback at James Madison University.

In the first four games of this season, he has passed for over 650 yards and five touchdowns along with running for over 160 yards and scored four more. JMU also broke their record for most points scored in their first two games, thanks to Bryan's playmaking.

When comparing college and high school, he said, "The biggest difference is the game speed. Athletes at this level are all a lot faster, which makes timing with wide receivers very important."

During Schor's time at DV, he was a four-year starter and two-year captain. He threw for a total of 6,518 yards in his career and 56 passing touchdowns, both of which are school records. His senior year, he passed for 2,585 yards with 27 touchdowns and ran 12 more in himself. In 2012, he was also named Pennsylvania AAAA First Team All-State and

received the Fiore Cesare Award Scholarship for being the best player in the Lackawanna Football Conference. Schor noted that playing at DV gave him the opportunity to play in many close games, which helped him grow as a player and a person.

Bryan also said, "My favorite part of college football is spending time with my teammates. I've made a lot of close relationships with these guys and have shared a lot of memories that I'll have for the rest of my life."

# SPORTS

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES Field Hockey



Kara Gearhart, JUNIOR

**"Kara's speed is unstoppable at the forward line position. She has scored numerous goals for us this season so far, and she has been a great leader for us too."**

**-Head coach Lindsay Gonzalez**

## Tennis



McKenna Quinn, SENIOR

**"McKenna has worked hard at practice and been a great team leader. Her work ethic and competitive drive have resulted in her being one of the top players in the Lackawanna League."**

**-Head coach Larry Hudson**

## Volleyball



Hannah Gallagher, SENIOR

**"Hannah has demonstrated leadership qualities on and off the court. She is the catalyst to our success."**

**-Head coach Bridget Crawford**

## Field Hockey faces stiff competition

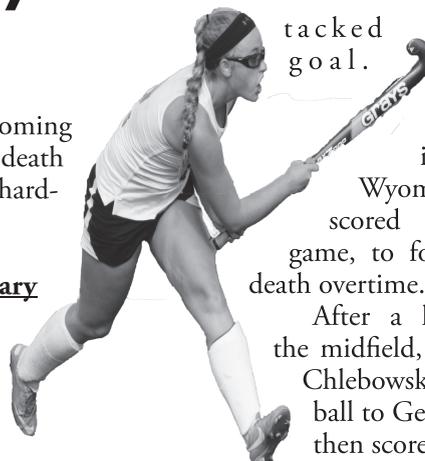
BY SERA SHAFER  
Entertainment Editor

The Warriors defeated Wyoming Area Secondary Center in sudden death overtime, but lost to Coughlin in a hard-fought game two weeks later.

### DV - 3, Wyoming Area Secondary Center - 2

The first goal of the game did not come until nearly 20 minutes into the first half when Wyoming Area's offense broke through DV's tough defense.

In the second half of the game, junior Kara Gearhart quickly broke away and scored in the first minute, tying up the game at 1-1. Shortly after, sophomore Addy Ross



tacked on another goal. With only three minutes left in the game,

Wyoming Area scored tied up the game, to force a sudden death overtime.

After a hard fight in the midfield, senior Maecy Chlebowski passed the ball to Gearhart who then scored the winning goal.

"I was very pleased with the play that they did throughout the entire game," said head coach Lindsay Gonzalez. "We came out strong, unlike our last scrimmage

when we came out very flat and not ready to play. They definitely turned it around, and I'm glad that their hard work paid off and we got the win in the end."

### DV - 1, Coughlin - 2

In the first half, both teams struggled as possession went back and forth, ending without a goal. Sophomore Brenna Cavallaro and freshman Skyler Padgett supported their team with strong passing. Nearly halfway through the second half, Coughlin scored, leaving the fans, coaches and players on edge. Soon after, Gearhart scored on a corner, tying up 1-1. In the end, Coughlin was able to score another goal for the win.

## Tennis serves up strong start to season

BY KIRSTEN PETERS & ARIANA COMO  
Sports Editor & Arts & Literature Editor

This season, the Warriors have a record of .500 with the hopes of advancing to Districts.

### DV - 1, Wallenpaupack - 4

On Sept. 19, the Warriors suffered a tough loss against the Buckhorns.

Senior McKenna Quinn, No. 1 singles player, lost her two sets (1-6) and (2-6); junior Katie Cooney, No. 2 singles player, lost both of her sets (0-6); and sophomore Taylor Moglia, No. 3 singles player, won her first set (6-4), lost her second set (2-6), and won her third set (7-6), to win the

match.

As for doubles' match-ups, senior Laura Cassaro and sophomore Jules Anderson, No. 1 doubles competitors, lost their sets (3-6) and (2-6). Junior Sara Duffy and sophomore Megan Dewey, No. 2 doubles competitors, lost their sets (6-7) and (3-6).

Being the only one to win her match for the day, Moglia said, "It feels really amazing, and I'm proud of myself because I wasn't feeling well today. I ended up pushing myself and it worked out."

### DV - 3, Riverside Junior/Senior High School - 2

On Sept. 22, the Warriors went three-for-three in their singles match-ups, allowing them to beat Riverside.

## Warriors make history against Redeemer

BY NICOLE DARDIA  
Opinions Editor

The girls' volleyball team continues to improve and beat tough competition.

### DV - 3, Holy Redeemer - 1

On Sept. 15, the Warriors made history by ending Holy Redeemer's 188 match win streak. The girls won in four sets, giving up only one set.

The Warriors kept their lead through the entire first and second set and used their serving strategies, which proved to be a major part of the win, to keep Holy Redeemer on their toes. Senior captain Hannah Gallagher

carried the team all the way to the end with her serving and hitting.



**Junior Brooke Williams does her incomparable jump serve.**

**Photo by Nicole Dardia**

Although the Warriors fell short in the third set 13-25, they bounced back in the fourth set to secure the win. Gallagher's six-point run pushed the team far enough ahead so Redeemer couldn't catch up. That run secured DV's historical victory.

"I just feel amazing," said head coach Bridget

Crawford. "Everybody has worked hard over the last 10 years to get this [win]. I said to the girls, 'I just want you to do your best and play' and they did it."

### DV - 3, Pittston - 0

On Sept. 23, the team defeated Pittston on Sept. 23, keeping their undefeated record by winning in three easy sets.

Each set was almost a blowout due to senior Tara Sayles's nine service points, senior Hannah Gallagher's 11 kills and junior Brooke Williams's 21 service points and five kills.

The team's strong serves are the basis of their game and have been leading them to victories.

# SPORTS

## Warriors have record-breaking night

BY KAIYA DEStEFANO  
Staff Writer

After losing star tailback and linebacker senior Kyle Dillon to an ACL injury, the Warriors bounced back on Sept. 16 against West Scranton.

Commenting on Dillon's injury, senior quarterback Matthew Cavallaro said, "Kyle was a huge part of our team and it's extremely hard knowing we won't be able to play together again. However, he is still a leader for our team and is continuing to find ways to help us improve. His presence and excitement will be missed on the field."

### DV – 67, West Scranton – 32

In the 99-point game, Cavallaro broke the school record in passing yards and passing touchdowns, with 334 yards and six touchdown passes.

Only 55 seconds into the first quarter, junior Ryan Obiso, who took over for Dillon, started off the Warriors 67-point night with a touchdown. Minutes later, Cavallaro's second touchdown pass was complete to senior Tyler Smith. Rather than going for the typical extra point, Obiso ran

a successful two-point conversion, giving the Warriors an early 14-0 lead. With 1:28 left in the first quarter, Cavallaro passed to junior Dylan Kelly, who ran the ball in for a 20-yard touchdown. With a minute left in the first quarter, the Invaders were able



**Junior tailback Ryan Obiso lays out for the touchdown.**

Photo by Mandy Xu

to sneak in a touchdown, making the score to 21-7.

Seven seconds into the second quarter, Kelly had his second touchdown of the game, followed by Cavallaro's successful extra point kick.

Six minutes later, West Scranton scored back-to-back touchdowns, but senior Trevor Smith was able to block their second extra point attempt.

With only 9 seconds left in the second quarter, Cavallaro passed to Tyler Smith, resulting in a touchdown, taking the Warriors to a 35-26 lead before the half.

To start the third quarter, Cavallaro passed to junior Brendan Heaney for a touchdown. Junior C.J. Anderson followed with a successful two-point conversion. Shortly after, Cavallaro kicked a field goal, bringing the Warriors to a twenty-point lead of 46-26.

With one minute left in the third quarter, the Invaders scored a touchdown, but junior Andrew Kidd blocked their extra point kick.

Ten seconds into the fourth quarter, Heaney made a successful 40-yard reception for his second touchdown of the night. Obiso followed with a touchdown of his own and sophomore John Ruzzano added in on the action by finishing off the game with one last touchdown, allowing the Warriors to walk off the field with a 67-32 victory over the Invaders.

## Warriors continue to dominate competition

BY TESS BALTON & MORGAN GIFFORD  
Staff Writers

The Warriors continue to dominate their competition with two shut-outs.

### DV – 8, West Scranton – 0

On Sept. 13, the boys' soccer team beat the Invaders.

Less than 10 minutes into the game, the first goal was scored by senior forward Abrar Shamim. Sophomore goalie Daniel Bradley added to the Warriors success by making a close save early in the game to keep the Invaders from scoring.

Halfway through the first half, juniors Zach Klapak and



**Junior Zach Klapak clears the ball out of the defensive end.**

Photo by Morgan Gifford

Clay Chelak each scored a goal to bring the Warriors to an early 3-0 lead. With only two minutes left in the first half, a fourth goal was made by junior Augusto Marrufo.

At the beginning of the second half, senior Cal Pepper tacked on a goal of his own, and less than 30 seconds after that, Marrufo scored his second goal of the night.

After some back and forth across the field, junior Ryan Bulkley scored a goal and a final goal was scored by junior Hessel Sacken, assisted by freshman Joby Curtin.

According to forward Shamim, "We know we're a solid team. We knew we had to score and not play down to their level, so we did great."

### DV – 4, Valley View – 0

On Sept. 8, the Cougars offensive efforts were no match for the Warriors unparalleled defense.

With 13 minutes left in the half, junior Ryan Simpson scored the first goal of the game.

Junior David Grady and sophomore Tyler Knoepfel added on two more goals in the second half, taking the score to 3-0.

In the last minute of the game, junior Andrew Pinedo scored the final goal, giving the Warriors the shut-out against Valley View.

"After getting crushed by North Pocono, who we know we can easily beat, we were determined to pull off a big win against Valley View and get a good start to the rest of our season," said Chelak.

## Golf season comes to a close with win

BY MEGHAN KELLY  
News Co-Editor

On Sept. 12, the golf team traveled to West Scranton to clench their first victory of the season.

### DV – 8, West Scranton – 1

Mr. James Salus contributes the win to all six players playing well.

Senior Jake Ganz commented, "We deserved to win the match. We have been working hard all season, but it has been hard as we are in a

tough district with good golfers in it."

Although this match has been the Warriors only win of the season, the boys have consistently improved and enjoy playing the game of golf together.



## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Football



Matt Cavallaro, SENIOR

**"Matt had a super night for us. He broke the school record in passing yards and passing touchdowns in a game at 334 yards and six touchdowns."**

-Head coach Keith Olsommer

### Boys' Soccer



Augusto Marrufo, JUNIOR

**"Augusto scored two goals against West Scranton, and he has been an intricate part of our team and offense."**

-Head coach Aaron Stark

### Golf



Liam Naturale, JUNIOR

**"Liam is a returning starter who plays a big leadership role on the team."**

-Head coach Jim Salus